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Top men go as Rover reveals loss of £200m

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

The sudden departure of three senior executives from the state-controlled Rover Group, formerly BL, was announced yesterday after it disclosed first-half losses totalling more than £200 million. Among the casualties is Mr Harold Musgrove, the veteran BL executive who rose from the shop floor to become Austin Rover chairman, and who takes early retirement at the end of this month.

He follows two other BL executives, Mr Ray Horrocks and Mr David Andrews, in being forced out of the ailing group since Mr Graham Day, the new chairman, arrived.

The boardroom cuts have been instituted by Mr Day as part of the creation of a streamlined, two-tier structure to improve group efficiency and give the cars business "more commercial punch".

With Mr Musgrove, aged 57, go Mr Mark Snowdon, the managing director of product development who has guided much of the collaboration between Rover and Honda, and Mr Peter Regnier, finance director of Austin Rover.

Mr Day declined to comment yesterday on the departures, but it is generally accepted Mr Musgrove, who joined Austin as an apprentice at the end of the Second World War, could no longer work under Mr Day.

Mr Musgrove was appointed chairman and chief executive of Austin Rover on

its formation in 1982. This latest development in the long running saga of the declining indigenous British motor industry is likely to be followed by more top management changes.

Under the shake-up, Mr Day personally assumes the chairmanship of Austin Rover. Mr Day, previously managing director of Leyland Trucks, promoted to Mr Les Wharton, previously managing director of Leyland Trucks, who becomes managing director of Austin Rover. Mr Tony Rose, finance director of Land Rover Leyland, now group finance director of Austin Rover, and Mr Chris Woodward, managing director of Land Rover Leyland International Holdings, who takes up the new post of Austin Rover commercial director.

The new managing director of Leyland Trucks is Mr



Mr Graham Day, tightening hold on reins.

George Simpson, also managing director of Freight Rover. Mr Nigel Penn, previously managing director of African operations, is the new managing director of the international company.

Mr Day, charged by the Government with returning the company to profitability in the hope of eventual privatization, said: "I am sure there are lots of skeletons I have not yet found. But there are a hell of a lot of good people and I am going to try to capitalize on the strengths that are there."

Half-year results show an operating loss for the group of £71.1 million against £11.3 million a year earlier.

The post-tax loss of £120 million (£42.5 million) was boosted to £204.5 million by an £83.6 million extraordinary item. The latter is a provision for estimated losses arising from the proposed sale of Leyland Bus and Unipart.

Austin Rover, whose market share has tumbled this year and is running this month at below 15 per cent, made a half-year loss of £60.9 million compared with a small £600,000 profit a year ago. In contrast to its poor home sales, Rover's exports were the best for seven years and overseas revenue rose by 20 per cent to a record £354 million.

Land Rover, including Freight Rover, improved its

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Side by side: Dr Owen and Mr Steel leaving the studios of Thames Television yesterday.

US rejects Daniloff proposal

From Christopher Thomas Washington

The feverish search for a solution to the superpower crisis over Mr Nicholas Daniloff continued last night as the United States rejected a Soviet proposal for modifications to a US expulsion order against 25 personnel at the Soviet mission to the United Nations.

Soviet officials have presented several possible arrangements to American officials to secure the release of Mr Daniloff, an American journalist accused of spying in Moscow, and Mr Genady Zakharov, a Soviet employee at the UN charged in New York with espionage.

It seemed clear last night that both sides are attempting to put together a package that would have the appearance of falling short of a direct swap. American officials adamantly rejected any linking of the Daniloff case with that of the expulsion of the Soviet personnel at the UN.

The crux of the various Soviet proposals is that Mr Daniloff, a correspondent for US News & World Report, could leave the Soviet Union without trial while Mr Zakharov was tried in the US. If Mr Zakharov was convicted, he would be swapped for an unspecified number of Soviet dissidents. Administration officials last night said they were hopeful about an early resolution.

The timing of that plan is believed to have been a subject of intense negotiation. The nub of the US position is that Mr Daniloff must be released before any other moves can take place. That would enable the Administration to claim it had not agreed to a swap.

The question of whether the Soviet dissidents would be released before or after Mr Zakharov was sent home was undoubtedly being debated in the continuing talks yesterday. Another American position is that the case of Mr Zakharov is not just a case and that he must stand trial.

Republican leaders are now flatly rejecting any possibility of a summit between Mr Reagan and Mr Gorbachev until the Daniloff case is settled.

Owen to delay on Liberal merger

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Dr David Owen, the SDP leader, made it clear last night that he plans to use the Liberal Party's disarray on defence policy to delay any merger between the two Alliance parties.

In a joint interview with Mr David Steel on Thames Television's *This Week* Dr Owen said that the Liberal Assembly's rebuff to Mr Steel and insistence on a non-nuclear defence policy "confirms my belief that it is not time yet to merge our parties and to put ourselves into collective decision making".

On the same programme Mr Steel confirmed that he intends to defy the Liberal Assembly vote. He supported Dr Owen's insistence that any Alliance government would maintain a minimum nuclear deterrent for Britain even if it involved the replacement of Polaris. That view contradicts long-established Liberal policy.

Mr Steel and Dr Owen now plan not just to continue their drive for agreement on a

minimum European deterrent but to speed up the process. It is then expected that they will hold a joint meeting of Liberal and SDP candidates to endorse their deal.

Dr Owen is pressing Mr Steel, in addition, to hold a special Liberal Assembly to back the agreed policy, so as to

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expanse as far as possible the memory of the Eastbourne disaster.

As the two party leaders began their damage limitation exercise, Dr Owen was noticeably restrained alongside a tense Mr Steel. Though he said he was shocked by the Liberal Assembly's vote he would not be tempted into condemnation of the Liberals.

He said he had sympathy for Mr Steel in his predicament and both admitted that the Liberal Assembly vote had taken them by surprise.

Mr Steel stressed that there was no difference between the Liberal and SDP parliamentary parties, only between him and his own party. "The trouble lies between myself and the parliamentary leadership of the Liberal Party, and the Assembly." It is not a divide between David Owen and me.

Mr Steel is expected to tackle the defence question head-on in his speech to the Liberal Assembly today. Senior Liberals predicted last night that a number in the audience would not like his home truths, which Mr Steel had to offer them.

Liberals deepen conflict with SDP

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Liberal Party voted yesterday to phase out Britain's nuclear power industry and put itself into further direct conflict with its Alliance partners.

By a big majority the assembly in Eastbourne committed the Liberals to becoming the first political party to go for an end to nuclear power—a week after the SDP decided that more stations could be built.

Coming so soon after the shattering conference defeat for Mr David Steel on nuclear defence, the decision is another blow to Alliance unity.

It is a division which both leaderships are confident of healing. The assembly decided to halt the commissioning of further nuclear stations; to begin a "planned phasing out" of all nuclear power; and to set

a timetable for and start work on the decommissioning of the older Magnox power stations "forthwith".

Last week the SDP at its Harrogate conference defeated a move to commit the party to an anti-nuclear stance.

It backed a moratorium on the building of further stations pending a safety review, but went further than its leader, Dr David Owen, wished by voting for the building of new stations to continue, subject to the satisfactory outcome of a stringent safety review.

Dr Owen, because of his demands on the Liberals on nuclear defence, was happy to move towards them on civil nuclear power. His conference's decision, therefore, was an embarrassment.

The parties' policy committees will now attempt to thrash out a compromise.

European code agreed to curb terror leaders

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, yesterday announced important steps for improving co-operation within the EEC to help to seek out and "disrupt" the terrorist organizations in Europe.

After the emergency meeting of the Trevi Group of EEC interior ministers in London, Mr Hurd and his European counterparts expressed optimism that the measures agreed would produce more speedy and effective action against the terrorists.

In particular, the 12 ministers have agreed that all the European police forces must share a new communications system for alerting one another on the movement and activities of known terrorists.

Officials at the conference disclosed that this will mean the introduction of a special classified coded system to which only the police and security authorities will have access.

There will also be new arrangements within the Trevi Group for regular up-to-date assessments of terrorist threats and to target the main leaders and organizations.

Mr Hurd, who chaired the conference, made it clear that the police forces in Europe would select from the "thousands of suspects" a small number identified as "really dangerous and significant". Those suspects would be given priority treatment by the police throughout the EEC.

Mr Hurd said: "As terrorists have become better organized, so governments and their counter-terrorist forces are having continually to improve their knowledge and co-operation if they are to prevent terrorist attacks and take effective counter-action if they occur."

He added: "These new mea-

sures will help us to target terrorists' movements supplies of money, arms and equipment, so that we can harry and disrupt them."

Mr Hurd emphasized that there was already co-operation within the EEC and a flow of intelligence information but there was no room for complacency.

As Britain now holds the presidency of the European Council of Ministers, Mr Hurd clearly wanted to be seen to be creating a new political impetus to improve the present procedures.

The EEC ministers reaffirmed their determination not to make any concessions to terrorists and to intensify their efforts against terrorism. Other measures which are now to become the focus of urgent discussion will include an examination of visa arrangements and a study of extradition procedures to stop terrorists from slipping through any legal loopholes.

There was also unanimous agreement to review security checking systems at airports and to examine more ways of eliminating diplomatic abuses.

The EEC ministers concentrated their efforts on taking steps that would bring quick results. That was in response to the crisis faced by the French Government after the bomb attacks in Paris.

Officials last night emphasized that for the first time all EEC countries seemed ready for the fullest possible co-operation to combat the terrorist threat.

One official said that the French would now be prepared to put up posters of wanted terrorists from other countries, something which in the past they have refused to do.

TSB may ballot all applicants

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

The number of would-be investors in Trustee Savings Bank shares emerged yesterday as being close to 4.25 million. The oversubscription means that all non-priority applicants are likely to be balloted, leaving about 1.25 million without shares.

Speculation earlier this week suggested the TSB would choose to ballot only the largest applications. But the bank now looks set to choose a system of balloting all applicants.

Ballotting means choosing applications randomly and rejecting those not picked out.

Sharp fall hits Dow Jones

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent

The New York stock market fell sharply yesterday after three days of steady gains, as London also experienced weakness in share prices across the board. The Dow Jones Industrial share index dropped 38.25 points to 1,765.04.

Traders said that "program" selling by big investors — triggered when shares reach a specific price — was partly to blame but there was also pessimism about a further decline in US interest rates. In London the FT 30 share index fell 18.5 points to 1,246.1, encouraged by Wall Street's weakness.

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The party's over...

Retiring MP Robert Kilroy-Silk explains why he finally decided to give up his safe Labour seat

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Through the roof... Property boom... or heading for bust? On Monday, *The Times* begins a three-part series on the roller-coaster property market; picking a path through the minefields of buying and selling; the grief of gazumping; the pain of repossession

Portfolio

Yesterday's £4,000 prize in *The Times* Portfolio Gold competition was won outright by Mrs L Ward of Harborne, Birmingham. Details page 3. There is a further £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list page 23; rules and how to play, information service, 16.

Contra alert

Contra camps in Honduras have been declared off-limits to journalists and US forces put on alert as rumours abound of a forthcoming big attack into Nicaragua. Page 8.

London list

A further list of London University degrees is published today

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Scargill forced to cut costs

By Tim Jones

Faced with serious financial difficulties because of the year-long strike which virtually wiped out its £8 million funds, the National Union of Mineworkers executive was told by its president, Mr Arthur Scargill, yesterday of a big economies.

Plans for a grand new showpiece headquarters in Sheffield are to be scaled down and the 22 constituency associations in the 18 NUM areas are to be reduced to 10.

The union's precarious financial position has also been compounded by reduced income from falling membership. Before the strike there were 150,000 members but that is now barely 100,000 because of redundancies and the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers.

The executive also decided to send a nine-man delegation headed by Mr Scargill to meet Sir Robert Haslam, the new chairman of British Coal, in an effort to resolve the festering dispute over back pay.

In a move regarded as a direct challenge to the traditional bargaining role of the union, Sir Robert ordered the immediate payment of rises of £3 a week to the miners which had been blocked by the NUM.

British Coal also received yesterday a two-year pay claim from the UDM which calls for "substantial rises" on grade rates, as well as attendance allowances, secondary incentive bonuses and an early retirement scheme.

Israeli jets hit Sidon PLO base

From Robert Fisk Beirut

The Israeli Air Force turned its attention to Mr Yasser Arafat's main Fatah guerrilla organization east of the Lebanese city of Sidon yesterday, sending three jets to fire rockets at a Palestinian guerrilla base in an olive grove not far from the Mieh Mieh refugee camp.

It was the second raid of its kind in three days and left one guerrilla dead and two others wounded.

Three aircraft dived towards the encampment of the Palestine Liberation Army, the regular military wing of Mr Arafat's Palestine Liberation Organization, just before midday, while three other Israeli aircraft flew cover at a higher altitude in case the bombers were attacked by the Syrian Air Force.

Palestinian gunmen prevented journalists from entering the wrecked base, claiming that they might give away information of use to the Israelis.

A PLA officer, who gave his name only as "Alaa", confirmed the death of one of his men. Several guerrillas said that the base had a large quantity of 5 calibre machine guns and 106 mm recoilless rifles.

JERUSALEM: A military spokesman here said there were good hits on targets in the raid, including anti-aircraft weapons, firing positions and tents in a wooded area. Continued on page 16, col 6

French force for Togo

Paris — France today said it was sending air and ground units to Togo at the request of President Gnassingbe Eyadema following an outbreak of shooting in the west African country (Reuter reports).

The president of the Togolese Republic has asked for the military aid of France under the defence agreements between Togo and France, a Defence Ministry statement said. "Air and ground military units will be sent to Togo as quickly as possible."

Fresh shooting broke out in the Togolese capital of Lome yesterday, 48 hours after an abortive raid on the barracks where Eyadema lives. Thirteen died in the attack.

Togo, which has close links with France, is one of several former French colonies in west Africa to have military accords with Paris.

Fan killed in gang attack

A football fan was killed when he was hit on the head by a stone after Wednesday night's Stok Cup semi-final in Glasgow between Rangers and Dundee United.

Mr Ian Hamilton, aged 41, of Salsburgh, Lanarkshire, was travelling home with his son, an off-duty policeman, and 10 others when their minibus was attacked by a gang.

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Bodies yield clues to ill-fated Arctic expedition

From John Best, Ottawa

Scientists working in the frozen north of Canada have unravelled chilling details of the Sir John Franklin expedition which perished to a man 140 years ago while attempting to find the fabled North-West Passage.

The cause of the tragedy remains a mystery but no evidence was found to support the long-held theory that cannibalism may have played a part in the deaths of the 129 men. During the summer, post-mortem examinations were

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Oil firms to fight back in price war at pumps

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Britain's major oil companies are preparing to fight back against criticism that they are quick to put up petrol prices when crude oil prices rise and are slow to bring them down when costs fall.

They are also determined to end speculation that they act together on pricing and use profits from one section to cover losses in other sectors.

BP Oil will this weekend start distributing leaflets at its 2,000 filling stations explaining when and why petrol prices rise. Other companies stung by criticism from consumer organizations and MPs are considering putting their case more forcefully.

One opinion being considered, which will embarrass the Government, is making sure that prices on pumps clearly show the tax element of every gallon - currently £1.10p.

BP Oil, which will not adopt that tactic, are furious with what it describes as the "unconscious cant" voiced by some Conservative MPs when petrol prices were put up.

BP Oil is also angry that most criticism from within Parliament has come from Conservative MPs who, the company says, are members of the political party which calls for non-interventionism in industry by the Government.

The company points to the report by the Commons Energy Select Committee which ruled that there was no reason to support the view that prices rose quickly but fell slowly.

It also says that profit figures do not show that excess profits are made from petrol. While BP as a whole reported record half year profits this year, it lost almost £1 billion on crude oil stocks.

Mr David Kendall, chief executive of BP Oil, the refining and marketing arm of BP, said: "We have to buy crude in the market place in the same way as any other company. Although this may be difficult for the motorist to understand it means that petrol being offered at a cheaper rate by one of our competitors could be made from crude oil which they were able to buy at a cheaper rate than we could."

Mr Kendall added: "To answer any charges that we collude on pricing without our competitors is simple. We just couldn't afford to give them any information about our operations which would give them a marketing advantage."

Mr Kendall said: "We are selling the same product in the same market and we have broadly similar operating costs."

"We have to use every advantage over our competitors which we can."

But as far as working hand in hand is concerned that is nonsense. Apart from the fact that it would be illegal the market is simply too competitive to for that to work," Mr Kendall said.



Mr Sebastian Guinness, Miss Clara Johnston, her sister Miss Rose Johnston, and her mother at Oxford yesterday after the court appearance of Mr Guinness and Miss Rose Johnston.

Channon party host fined £80

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Gottfried Alexander von Bismarck, the host of the Oxford party at which Miss Olivia Channon, daughter of the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, died, was fined £80 by Oxford magistrates yesterday for possessing drugs.

Miss Channon, aged 22, died after celebrating the end of her final examinations. Von Bismarck, grandson of Germany's Iron Chancellor and a graduate from Christchurch, admitted possessing amphetamine sulphate between January and June.

The prosecution offered no evidence on a second charge of possessing cocaine, after hearing that von Bismarck was in Spain at the time of the alleged offence.

Mr Paul Harrison, for the prosecution, told the court that after Miss Channon's death in the court's bedroom von Bismarck went to the police who found amphetamine sulphate worth about £4 in his possession.

Mr Robin Grey, QC, for the defence, told the court: "This girl's death is going to be a shadow over the head of Gottfried von Bismarck, probably for the rest of his life, although it cannot be said he was in any way responsible."

But the court's principal problem was alcohol, not drugs. He would feel so bad after a night's drinking that he would take amphetamine sulphate to help him to concentrate on his studies.

The magistrates earlier committed three other people for trial on drugs-related charges after Miss Channon's death.

They were Rose Johnston, aged 23, of Shillingford House, near Faringdon, Oxfordshire; Sebastian Guinness, aged 22, of Hereford Square, south-west London; and Paul Dunstan, aged 31, a jobless pop musician, of Dollis Hill, north London.

Mr Dunstan was remanded in custody until his trial at Oxford Crown Court. Miss Johnston and Mr Guinness were granted bail and ordered to surrender their passports.

Church of England report Outlook bleak for rural life

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

A bleak picture of life in rural England, with poor public transport, dwindling employment opportunities, high prices in shops and the elderly living in miserable isolation, is painted in a Church of England report published today.

One of its authors, the Bishop of Norwich, the Right Rev Peter Nott, said yesterday the idea that people who lived in rural areas were well-heeled was "mere mythology".

The report argues for a full-scale inquiry by the church into conditions in rural areas, similar to the controversial survey of inner urban areas published last year. But the setting up of such an archbishop's commission is likely to be delayed for at least a year because of the cost, which could be £100,000.

The bishop and his co-author, Canon Anthony Russell, say they are hopeful about the future of the church in rural areas and point to "many signs of life and growth". But it is an area of national life, "in which the church currently finds itself struggling to maintain a presence and in which there is serious concern about the future".

According to the report, the main difficulties facing rural communities are: ● Population shift, with less wealthy families moving out and the more prosperous, with lifestyles centred on the city, moving in; ● Unequal competition for housing between poorer local people and the better off moving from the cities; ● Poor mobility, with 30 per cent of people without cars, particularly the elderly, forced to travel long distances for

doctors' surgeries, shops, banks, social services; ● Many smaller villages have no shops or services; ● Shrinking employment in agriculture and other rural industries; ● Low wages, and widespread dependence on the fortunes of a single company; ● The closure of many village schools, and long-distance bussing of pupils; ● Village shop prices up to 20 per cent above urban supermarkets.

The report says that special problems are faced by young people and those starting families because of lack of employment opportunities and a shortage of suitable cheaper housing.

A Rural Strategy for the Church of England (Church House Bookshop, Great Smith Street, London SW1: 50p).

Boeing is Nimrod's sole rival

By Rodney Cowton

The Ministry of Defence has eliminated five out of seven companies which have been competing to supply airframe for the Royal Air Force's Nimrod aircraft.

After a competition which began last March the only two remaining companies are the American Boeing with the AWACS aircraft, which is in service with Nato and the United States Air Force, and the British company GEC with the troubled Nimrod project.

Last night Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, announced that both companies would be invited to submit "best and final bids" by early November.

The five companies which have been eliminated from the competition are the two leading American aircraft manufacturers, Grumman and Lockheed, and three much smaller British Pilatus-Britten Norman, Airship Industries and MEL of Crawley.

France also requires aircraft for this role and has been for some time considering buying three AWACS. Lord Trefgarne said that French officials would be joining the British team's in evaluating both the Nimrod and AWACS bid.

Dockyard jobs at risk

By a Staff Reporter

Reductions in the amount of work needed to maintain the ships and submarines of the Royal Navy will lead to large-scale job losses at the Royal Dockyards and Rosyth and Devonport within two years, according to a government consultative document.

The Ministry of Defence is planning to introduce private commercial management into the dockyards next April, and is considering bids by six consortia for the job.

Workers at both dockyards are planning to strike today in protest against the reorganization and in support of their demand that they should continue to be employed within the Civil Service.

The document published yesterday relates to a form of organization which the ministry would implement only if the management contract bids were unsatisfactory.

Assessments of employment prospects under this form of organization suggest that 3,000 jobs would be lost at Devonport in the first two years and 700 at Rosyth.

In the longer term it is estimated that the number of jobs at Devonport would fall from 11,460 to about 6,340 in 1993-94, and at Rosyth from 5,900 to 4,680.

running in schools before the end of the decade.

She dismissed as "rubbish" fears that any such scheme would be a back-door plot designed to pay more money to some teachers and dismiss others.

She said the Coventry agreement signed by five of the six teaching unions was "clear on pay, but short on the firm details".

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is known to want more specific commitments on subjects such as cover for absent colleagues and teacher

Union backing for Wapping deal

By Tim Jones

The 200 engineers dismissed by News International after taking strike action have urged by their union leaders to accept the company's final settlement offer, which includes compensation totalling £58 million.

The Amalgamated Engineering Union is the first of the three print unions involved in the eight-month Wapping dispute to give unequivocal backing for the offer.

Members of the union's national executive took their decision after hearing a report from Mr Les Elliot, their Fleet Street officer, which recommended acceptance of the offer which lapses on October 8.

His summary was accepted by a senior official who said: "This appears to be the best deal we can get and we believe this is the last chance for a realistic settlement and will be urging the men to vote in favour."

He made it clear that, irrespective of what other unions decided, if his members voted to accept the package, the AEU would consider the dispute with the company to be at an end.

Mr Bill O'Neill, who has been leading News International's negotiating team in talks with the print unions, has made it clear that a requirement of the final offer is that each union agrees to recommend acceptance.

It had already been advised that the AEU and Sogat '82 were proceeding with a ballot of its members formerly employed by the company having met the condition of recommending the offer.

The result of the Sogat ballot is expected to be known on October 6, two days before the deadline expires.

The National Graphical Association has yet to decide on whether to hold a ballot and its leadership is under strong pressure from the London branch which is urging rejection.

Yesterday 2,500 print workers and supporters who attended a rally in London organized by Sogat '82 decided on a show of hands to urge the 5,500 workers involved in the dispute to reject the offer.

Radiation claim refuted

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The Ministry of Agriculture reacted angrily yesterday to reports that radiation levels in sheep in Cumbria and North Wales were higher now than when restrictions on their movement were imposed more than three months ago.

Suggestions that the radiation might be caused not by fallout from the Chernobyl explosion, in the Soviet Union, but by emissions from nuclear power stations and from the Sellafield processing plant were dismissed as "absolutely unfounded".

Besides the Sellafield/C Calder Hall complex in Cumbria, owned by British Nuclear Fuels, the Central Electricity Generating Board has two nuclear power stations at Welford and Tranyfynydd in North Wales.

When the ministry imposed its restrictions on June 20, six weeks after Chernobyl, it set a so-called "trigger" level of 10,000 becquerels a kilogram (A becquerel is a measurement of radioactive decay).

But it pointed out then that that was far below the level of 10,000 becquerels established by the International Atomic Energy Authority as constituting a health risk.

It said then that the highest level detected was 4,000 becquerels.

Figures produced at yesterday's meeting of the National Farmers' Union council in London, suggested that there had been no appreciable fall in radio-caesium levels and that in some cases they were still three or four times the trigger level.

The NFU criticized the ministry for its handling of the aftermath of the Chernobyl disaster.

The Government rejected a demand from Cumbria County Council for tighter controls over discharges into the sea of radioactive material from the Sellafield plant. The council said it was worried about safety of the undersea pipes that carry waste from the plant.

Assistant to the head of plays, drama and television. The first reason he gave for rejection was the department's depleted budget.

The second reason given by Mr Kosminsky was: "Our (script) readers are unhappy about the mix between fact and fiction."

Mr Glazer has written to Mr Neil Hamilton, Conservative MP for Tatton, complaining about the BBC's "unethical attitude".

World Chess Championship Kasparov resigns adjourned game

From Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent, Leningrad

Gary Kasparov, the world champion, resigned the adjourned position of the 19th game of the World Chess Championship as expected without further play yesterday.

Ananly Karpov's sealed move 41 was Kc4. The score is now 9½ points each and five games remain to be played. Kasparov needs 2½ points to retain his title.

Karpov, the former world champion, had adjourned the 19th game in an overwhelming position. Karpov had Bishop and four Pawns against Knight and three.

Once again, Kasparov chose to defend with the Gruenfeld Variation but he varied his play from games 15 and 17 with the move 7... Na6 popularized by the Dutch Grandmaster, Prins.

Nevertheless, Kasparov's choice of that alternative appears to have come as no surprise to his opponent. After almost an hour of thought, the world champion embarked on an unsound adventure with his 15th move. It seemed likely that this was based on a miscalculation. At move 18 Kasparov had probably planned to play ... Ng3 with an apparently devastating attack against the White Queen. Kasparov must have overlooked in his original assessment that 19... Qb5 attacking the undefended Black Rook would then be immediately decisive.

The result of Kasparov's play was that he lost Bishop for Rook without adequate compensation. Towards the

middle of the session, Kasparov launched a desperate counter-attack based on his 25th move... Bb5. But Karpov elegantly refused this.

With five games left the match has reached an incredible climax. It is reminiscent, but in even more dramatic fashion, of Karpov's narrowly averted catastrophe in the closing stages of his match with Korchnoi in 1978.

White: Karpov

Chessboard diagram showing White: Karpov and Black: Kasparov positions. The board is an 8x8 grid with pieces placed on various squares.

White: Karpov

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Teachers challenged on appraisal

By Mark Dowd, Education Reporter

Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State in the Department of Education and Science, yesterday issued a challenge to teaching unions on appraisal.

She told educational inspectors and advisers meeting in Bristol: "We no longer think of appraisal as when appraisal arrives. At last the thoroughbred we have been hoping for since 1984 looks as though it is approaching teachers' ears."

Most of the people she had spoken to, she said, had no doubt that a scheme for assessing the performance of teachers would be up and

Former union leader praises Tebbit laws

By a Staff Reporter

The former leader of the largest Civil Service union said yesterday that the trade union movement should bestow its highest honour on Mr Norman Tebbit, chairman of the Conservative Party, for forcing changes on them.

The suggestion, by Mr Alistair Graham, until two months ago general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, is bound to be received with incredulity by former colleagues in the TUC.

But the remarks by Mr Graham, who left his strifetorn union two months ago to become director of the Industrial Society, found favour with his audience at a lunch hosted by Lloyds of London.

Mr Graham said: "The

between fact and fiction". Mr Leslie Glazer, who wrote the original, said he "felt shattered" when he saw *The Monocled Mutineer* on the screen because it contained all the scenes to which the BBC had objected in his version.

The four-part series written by Alan Bleasdale has already been attacked by Conservative MPs for what they say is blatant left-wing bias.

Mr Glazer has complained to MPs and to the BBC that, in spite of years of research into the subject, he was never asked for technical advice on the series or given an explanation as to why there had been a change in editorial policy.

A feature film of his script had been planned in 1972, but it was shelved when a backer dropped out.

Mr Glazer twice submitted the screenplay to the BBC in 1974 and 1982. In 1982 he received a letter from Mr Peter Kosminsky, special

Postponed jail terms proposed

By Peter Evans and Martin Fletcher

A waiting list of prisoners allowed to stay at home until called to serve their sentences was advocated yesterday by Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, vice-president of the Howard League for Penal Reform.

"If the intake of prisoners were evenly spread throughout the year there would be no untoward problem for the prison service," he said.

Speaking at the League's annual conference in Oxford, Mr Blom-Cooper said the aim was to avoid overcrowding by reducing pressure on the system which according to Home Office figures was strained yesterday, show that the prison population in England and Wales rose sharply last year reaching a new peak of 48,200.

There remained a disproportionate number of inmates from the ethnic minorities, with West Indians accounting for 8 per cent of the male prison population.

Under the plea put forward by the league, offenders sentenced to imprisonment would be sent to a certain date at a specified prison.

Mr Blom-Cooper said it was customary in continental European systems to postpone the start of a prison sentence and that it allowed jail administrators to spread the load of imprisonment over the whole year.

He said that if there were an intolerable build-up in the waiting list "it might be proper for the executive to issue a mass pardon for the offenders sentenced to shorter terms of imprisonment."

For sentences of two years or less call-up could be suspended or sentences reduced in length, coupled with power to defer it up to a further six months.

These sentences to periods of imprisonment of more than two years would not be allowed any postponement of the execution of their sentence except with the consent of the court of trial.

Any person who failed to respond to a call-up would be liable to disciplinary action.

Mr John Bartlett, chairman of the Prison Officers Association, said in a paper that during the past 11 months, 1,108 staff had been assaulted by prisoners and 631 prisoners assaulted by fellow inmates, two prisoners have been murdered and there have been 1,700 reported drugs incidents.

"It is possible against this appalling background for a prisoner not to have a bath in a seven-day period, not have a clear change of underwear, nor to have a comb or a handkerchief."

Divis flats demolition sought

By Peter Evans and Martin Fletcher

Divis flats, the notorious terrorist-ridden warren of high-rise and deck-access flats which dominates the Roman Catholic Lower Falls area, only 600 yards from Belfast city centre, should be demolished.

The Northern Ireland Housing Executive announced yesterday that its board decided on Wednesday to amend its housing strategy in favour of demolition and replacement of Divis by conventional housing, rather than refurbishment.

About 480 families live in the complex compared with the 795 families for which it was designed.

Mr Richard Needham, the Northern Ireland Under Secretary of State for housing, said yesterday that he would respond as soon as possible.

Toll bridge workers held

By Peter Evans and Martin Fletcher

Motorists were allowed across the Tarna toll bridge, near Plymouth, free yesterday after detectives arrested 16 bridge workers in connection with allegations of fraud.

Devon and Cornwall county council chiefs, who are responsible for running the bridge which links the two counties, decided to suspend toll charges after the employees were detained.

Hatton absent

By Peter Evans and Martin Fletcher

Mr Derek Hatton, the Liverpool left-wing councillor, stayed away from an appeal hearing yesterday against his dismissal from his £11,600 a year post with Knowsley Borough Council. He was represented by Mr Roger Bannister, the Knowsley Nalgo branch secretary. The hearing is expected to last two days.

Acid gas cloud

By Peter Evans and Martin Fletcher

The Health and Safety Executive yesterday launched an inquiry into a leak of concentrated sulphuric acid at a dye works which released an acid gas cloud over central Manchester on Wednesday night and put 19 people, including nine children, in hospital.

Player jailed

By Peter Evans and Martin Fletcher

The Swinton rugby league player, Brian Higgins, aged 28, of Boyle Avenue, Orford, Warrington, who was caught in bed with a girl aged 13 by his wife, was jailed for six months at Warrington Crown Court yesterday after being admitted unlawful sexual intercourse.

Driver aged 9

By Peter Evans and Martin Fletcher

Police called to the scene of an accident in Poole, Dorset, discovered a boy aged nine at the wheel of the car and his sister aged eight in the passenger seat. Police said because of their age no action could be taken against them.

Cement case

By Peter Evans and Martin Fletcher

Twenty-five former employees of the Blue Circle company, Britain's biggest manufacturer of cement, were yesterday remanded to bail at West London Court after being charged with conspiring to steal cement worth £2 million.

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Bar Council may ease rules to allow direct access to barristers

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Proposals that the Bar should change its professional code of conduct to allow some clients to brief a barrister direct without going through a solicitor are shortly to be put before the Bar Council.

A committee of the council under Mr Nicholas Phillips, QC, is expected to recommend that other professionals, such as accountants, should be allowed direct access to barristers in cases before certain tribunals.

If adopted, the proposal would mean the first, if limited, incursion into one of the two main restrictive practices which characterize the legal profession.

By tradition a client cannot approach a barrister direct; he must go through a solicitor. There are very few exceptions to the rule, such as where a prisoner in the dock in a crown court wants to speak with counsel. Barristers may also receive instructions direct from people such as parliamentary agents, patent agents and foreign lawyers for work abroad.

In turn, solicitors are not

allowed to appear as advocates in the higher courts, which are reserved for the Bar.

The committee is likely to urge the Bar Council to consider a relaxation of the rules for work before tribunals where another profession already has a right of audience itself.

This means that where accountants, for instance, can appear before a tribunal they should be granted direct access to a barrister for work at those hearings.

But the committee will stipulate that the right of direct access would be granted only where a barrister was not obliged to do the kind of work done by solicitors, such as preparing statements.

A number of firms of accountants have for some time been keen to be able to deal direct with barristers rather than go through a solicitor in complex financial or tax matters.

Yesterday Mr Brian Singleton-Green, parliamentary and law committee secretary of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, said his members would welcome such a proposal.

"Many of our members, perhaps experts in taxation or VAT, need to get counsel's opinion for a case that may not even be going to come to court, to support what they intend to do.

"They probably understand more than the solicitor who simply has to act as a pointless intermediary and does not add anything to what is being done."

Solicitors asked for ethnic details

All solicitors in England and Wales are being asked by the Law Society to give details of their ethnic origins when applying for their practising certificates this year.

The exercise, approved by the Law Society Council, is the first step in a policy of promoting equal opportunities in the profession.

It is intended to be a "one-off" with the aim of taking a "snapshot" of the practising profession as at October 1986 to assess its ethnic make-up.

Spam and chips for GI bride reunion



Mr and Mrs Albert Couch at Gatwick yesterday (Photograph: Peter Trivnor) and in 1946 on honeymoon in Southampton.

By Robin Young

About 250 GI brides who sailed from Britain in 1946 for a new life in the United States and Canada have returned to Southampton, the port they departed from, for a sentimental reunion.

In Southampton Guildhall, an air raid shelter canteen has been re-created as a rendezvous point for the brides. The welcome party was held along with gifts of chocolates and nylon and a meal of spam and chips.

Today many of the brides will return to Tidworth, the barracks where many were "processed" and swore allegiance to the US flag before being able to join their husbands. In attendance will be Mrs Annabel Jarvis, who conducted many of the original interviews.

At least one GI bride, Mrs Marguerite Couch, formerly of Crouch End, north London, now of Redmond, Washington, is back in Britain for the first time since she set sail to join her husband, Albert.

The brides will also attend a garden party at Broadlands, the Hampshire home of the late Lord Mountbatten of Burma, dance to the music of the Herb Miller Orchestra, led by Glenn Miller's brother, and attend a concert by Dame Vera Lynn.

Family's fourth cot death



Family's fourth cot death

By Robin Young

A second inquest jury sat yesterday on the orders of a High Court judge to determine whether a baby aged seven months had been suffocated or was the fourth successive cot death tragedy to beset his parents.

Parental and political outrage greeted the verdict of the first inquest jury which decided that Adam Bithell had suffocated and returned an open verdict at Wrexham in November 1984.

It had been told by Dr Donald Wayte, Home Office pathologist, that the real cause of a large proportion of the annual 1,000 infant mortalities blamed on cot death was suffocation or smothering.

After representations by many parents who had lost children through cot deaths Mr Justice McCallum quashed the original jury verdict and ordered a second inquest.

When the second jury sat in Colwyn Bay, North Wales, yesterday it was told by the coroner, Mr Bryan Lewis, that its task was to decide whether

any criminal or civil liability was involved in Adam Bithell's death.

The jury was told how in seven years Mr and Mrs Bithell lost three children to the cot death syndrome. Their daughter, Clare, died in 1978 when she was eight months old and their son, Ian, born a year later, survived for just 19 days.

The couple's third child, Andrew, was monitored in hospital for a month after his birth in February 1981, but he too died just two weeks after being allowed home.

When Mrs Bithell became pregnant a fourth time, the Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths, a charitable organization formed in 1971 by bereaved parents, put her in touch with Professor Hamish Simpson, head of paediatrics at Leicester Royal Infirmary.

Mrs Bithell left her home in Wrexham and moved into a flat at the hospital and once Adam was born his condition was monitored round the clock by machinery flown in from the United States.

Once back at the family home in Clarence Road, Wrexham, Adam slept in his cot on a special baby alarm mattress which monitored body movements.

Mrs Virginia Bithell walked from the well of the court and sat just three feet from the jury to give her evidence in a clear, unemotional voice. On August 21 after about 9 am when the baby started to become sleepy she carried him upstairs and laid him in his cot on his stomach.

She returned downstairs after switching on the baby alarm and did housework with one ear cocked to an intercom which would pick up the cries of the baby. After 20 minutes the baby started to whimper and she went back upstairs and nursed him to sleep again.

Minutes later the alarm sounded and she raced upstairs again. "I had been told in the hospital not to panic. I was calling his name but there was no response."

The inquest was adjourned until today when Dr Wayte will give evidence for a second time.

Rugby PC jailed for biting off ear

A policeman was jailed for six months yesterday for biting off part of the ear of a rival officer during a Welsh inter-force rugby match.

Richard Johnson was told by Judge Rutter at Cardiff Crown Court: "The violence you used was a dreadful example of football hooliganism."

Johnson, a Cardiff police wing forward, who has been suspended, sank his teeth into the right ear lobe of Mr Keith Jones, aged 40, the Newport police lock forward, during a match at the Gwent constituency sports ground in Cwmbran last November.

The court was told that Johnson, of Hurford Street, Maes-y-Coed, Pontypridd, Mid-Glamorgan, had to be restrained by fellow officers as he and Mr Jones exchanged punches.

During the trial, Mr Jones

Aids risk warning to travellers

British travellers to central Africa may be advised to refuse unscreened blood transfusions under new guidance on Aids shortly to be issued by the Department of Health.

The guidance will be included in a revised version of the Department of Health booklet, *Protect Your Health Abroad*, which provides information on vaccinations and general health measures. The advice, which will include guidance on safe sex, will apply to travellers visiting countries with a high prevalence of Aids such as Africa, South-east Asia, America and western Europe.

But the Department of Health has now under pressure from medical experts to include warnings about receiving untested blood.

The warnings come after reports of the rapid spread of the disease among heterosexuals in central Africa where in some countries, 15 per cent of young adults carry the Aids related virus, HIV.

Dr Tony Pinching, a consultant at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and an Aids specialist, said: "I would advise any travellers to these countries, needing blood to check where it had come from and to see whether it was essential to his or her health care."

In some circumstances after a minor accident, he said it might be more practical to fly home or to refuse a blood transfusion.

Dr Pinching said that one of his patients, who was living in central Africa had been attacked by bandits during a raid. "She was given four units of blood and now has the Aids virus."

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Luton to meet league on competition ban

Luton Town will today meet the Football League about its expulsion from the Littlewoods Cup, but the First Division club will not relax its ban on visiting supporters in its attempt to beat hooliganism.

Mr Philip Carter, the Football League president, who telephoned Mr David Evans, the Luton chairman, yesterday, said: "We were delighted to hear that Luton are prepared to re-examine their position and bring an element of flexibility into the discussions."

The Football League management committee will meet Mr Evans at their headquarters at Lytham St Annes.

Smokestack cities set out to woo tourists

A consortium of 13 English cities, most of them best known for their "smokestack" industries, is mounting a £250,000 promotional campaign to bring in visiting holidaymakers on package tours.

The Great English Cities Marketing Group yesterday took a leaf out of the book of the big tour operators for foreign package holidays and brought out a glossy 32-page brochure, put together by National Holidays, part of Pleasurama which is one of Britain's top six package holiday companies.

Nine out of 10 travel agents around Britain, including all the key chains, have agreed to put the brochure on their shelves.

Mr Brian Redhead, the broadcaster, was brought in to support the launch, which is backed by the English Tourist Board.

He said: "The public's perception of our great indus-

Air passenger record defies the terrorists

More than six million passengers passed through Britain's seven main airports in August, making it the busiest month for air travel.

In spite of airline fears that the fall in the number of Americans visiting Britain would affect them hardest at the height of summer, the number of people travelling rose sharply.

Traffic rose by 4.6 per cent overall, with Heathrow, Gatwick and Edinburgh all setting records. But the boom in the number of passengers led to congestion at peak times.

The British Airports Authority said a record 122,117 passengers passed through Heathrow's four terminals on August 31.

Passengers using Heathrow to fly on United States routes fell by more than 30 per cent in May, June and July compared with the same months in 1985.

Health warning on musical strains

"Overuse syndrome in musicians seems an unfair reward for zeal and application. It occurs in the great and the famous, in the aspiring student and in the orchestral musician," Mr Hunter Fry, an Australian researcher, reports in the journal.

In a survey of eight symphony orchestras - three American, four Australian and one British - the prevalence of the condition was more than 50 per cent, he reports.

The only hope for gifted players with severe problems is a radical rest programme in which the musician is forbidden to indulge in any pain-inducing activities, from opening doors to turning on water taps.

Getting back in tune should start with just one minute's practice twice a day, and be built up gradually.

To avoid such ordeals, players should limit their practising periods to perhaps 25 minutes and take a five-minute break. "The musician will notice that the muscles are more responsive after the break, so the quality of the practice will be better."

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Mrs Ward, who will share the money with her sons.

Morley guilty of theft

Stephen Morley, was yesterday convicted at Derby Crown Court, of stealing £10,000 given to him to invest by a client, and of two charges of attempting to obtain a total of £2,400.

Sentence was deferred for reports on Morley, aged 23, of College Road, Dulwich, south-east London, who had pleaded not guilty to all three charges. The £10,000 was repaid by his parents, Eric and Julia Morley.

Withdrawal from nuclear power gets full backing

The planned phasing out of all nuclear power, an end to the commissioning of further nuclear installations, and an immediate start on the decommissioning of Magnox power stations were backed overwhelmingly by the Liberal Assembly at Eastbourne yesterday.

But delegates agreed in the energy debate to amendments making clear they were referring to power stations using nuclear fission (splitting the atom) and would allow a continuing and increasing

Mr Ferguson said he was not proposing a highly accelerated phasing out of nuclear power stations. They needed a responsible, planned phasing out over plenty of time. But the decommissioning of Magnox power stations must start as early as possible.

Dr Margaret Joachim, parliamentary candidate for Epsom and Ewell, moving the amendments, said nuclear fission was now at the research stage. But, unlike nuclear fusion, it did not produce vast amounts of radioactivity.

Mr Bill Bradshaw, of Wantage, said nuclear power was the only source ultimately capable of replacing fossil fuels. It was probably less environmentally damaging than burning fossil fuels.

Without nuclear power prices of fossil fuels would rise and poor countries would go without electricity.

Mr Malcolm Bruce, MP for Gordon, said the claims of the nuclear industry to be clean and to produce electricity more cheaply than any other means were not true. He called for a moratorium on the further development of nuclear power.

Mr Alan Sherwell, chairman of the energy panel, said those favouring nuclear power argued that it would be needed in the Third World. But those countries needed small, localized energy sources, which were precisely the alternatives the party wished to develop in this country.

Lord Ezra, party spokesman on energy in the House of Lords and a former chairman of the National Coal Board, said discussion of a comprehensive energy policy did not go wide enough.

A clear energy policy should be based on securing maximum efficiency of energy in use, and the minimum adverse impact on the environment.

He advocated setting up a department responsible for energy efficiency with the additional task of ensuring that adequate heating standards were available to the aged, infirm and the poor.

Mr Trevor Jones, parliamentary candidate for West Dorset, said there was no totally safe method of producing electricity. It would be folly for the Alliance prematurely to close down an industry.

Mr George Ferguson, parliamentary candidate for Bristol West, who moved the motion, strongly criticized Lord Marshall of Goring, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, as "Maggie's man, prejudiced and obsessive".

"He is the man who treats all objectors to nuclear power as fools. He has lost his right to claim to be an objective scientist. We should give him his notice now."



Mr Alan Beith (left), Mr Simon Hughes and Mr Malcolm Bruce were among the speakers in yesterday's debates (Photographs: John Manning and Harry Kerr).

POLICY DOCUMENT

Getting the Alliance's act together

The Liberal Party assembly yesterday considered the joint Alliance consultative document, *Partnership for Progress*, made clear there was lots of it they liked and lots they did not, got assurances there would be further scope for more suggestions, and finally carried a motion welcoming it. It was part of the process, as one speaker put it, of the Alliance getting its act together.

The reservations of the assembly were politely expressed in an amendment from the Association of Liberal Councillors that the draft of the "consultative" document should reflect more clearly the policies and principles of the Alliance on the ground, particularly towards meeting the urgent social and economic needs of urban communities.

That was carried as well as an instruction to the party's policy committee to seek agreement with the Social Democratic Party on a revised final document.

The motion that the assembly approved stated that the document should form the basis for the policies on which the next Alliance programme for government would be drawn up. The assembly authorized the policy committee, in the light of the debate, to seek agreement with the SDP on a final document for publication.

Despite the reservations expressed during the debate, there was considerable praise at the progress made in forging Alliance policy.

Mr Alan Watson, parliamentary candidate for Richmond and Barnes, was particularly loudly applauded when he declared that the single most urgent challenge to the Alliance at the moment was "Get your act together".

The public recognized "the decline of the economy, the shrinking of the social services, the erosion of tolerance and rise of violence. It deeply disturbs them. They want the Alliance to work; they want it to win."

Mr Richard Pine, parliamentary candidate for Broadgreens and deputy leader of the Alliance group on Liverpool City Council, said those fighting inner-city seats wanted to see the part of the document on the inner cities strengthened to reflect their experience.

Mr David Penhaligon, MP for Truro, said an incomes strategy was important. It was no good people expressing concern about the poor, unemployment and the lack of training if at the same time they made pay deals of 8, 9 or 10 per cent.

SOUTH AFRICA Sanction motion wins support

The assembly, in an emergency motion moved by Mr Alan Beith, MP, its foreign affairs spokesman, reaffirmed support for the imposition of comprehensive mandatory sanctions against South Africa, and its belief that sanctions presented the last opportunity for peaceful change.

The motion regretted that the meeting between Mr Oliver Tambo, ANC president, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, failed to change "the obdurate and immovable intransigence of the Government in blocking moves for effective mandatory sanctions to isolate South Africa".

Mr Beith said Mrs Margaret Thatcher had taken every possible step to thwart or undermine all the attempts so far made to apply real pressure on the South African Government.

The European Community was dithering over a very limited package of sanctions and it was a cause of distress to Liberals that Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, with whom they had worked for many years in the cause of European unity, should be the spokesman for German government opposition to a ban on coal imports from South Africa.

Mr Jim Forder, Nuffield College, Oxford University, and Union of Liberal Students, said that destroying the South African economy would lead only to increased unemployment among blacks and that would mean starvation.

Mr Nicholas Winch, Bristol East, said that the EEC sanctions package was nothing more than a token gesture.

Mr Peter Wells, Kensington, unsuccessfully sought reference back of the emergency motion to the party council. He said the emergency motion was bland and anodyne.

Mr Beith said serious issues were at stake on which they must reaffirm their commitment. Action was needed now, and they could not simply wait for Liberal Party procedures.



Geoffrey Smith

David Steel can be certain of a warm, probably a rapturous, reception when he speaks to the assembly today. Having thrown him into the ditch earlier in the week, the delegates will now want to reassure him that there was nothing personal in it. But the applause will not be able to drown the knowledge that he is facing the most severe political challenge since he became leader of the party.

The challenge is not to his position as leader but to the purpose for which he holds the leadership. Those MPs who undermined his strategy with effective speeches in the defence debate, Simon Hughes and Michael Meadowcroft, have not in fact enhanced their standing in the party as might have been expected.

They may have further endeared themselves to the radical rank and file, but they have lost ground among their parliamentary colleagues and infuriated many candidates who saw their chances of sitting in the next House of Commons slipping away. There is nobody who could threaten Mr Steel's hold on office in this Parliament even if he wished to do so.

Ambition for a share of power

But just to be Liberal leader has never been enough for Mr Steel. He has always had the ambition of leading the party back from the political wilderness to a share of power, and this ambition has received a number of setbacks this week.

It is not only that the gap between Liberals and Social Democrats has been widened. The fitness of the Liberal Party for serious political combat has been brought into question and Mr Steel's personal authority has been diminished.

His first task today should be to set about restoring that authority. This matters for two reasons.

The political appeal of the Alliance rests more than either Liberal or Social Democratic activists are happy to acknowledge upon the personalities of the two Davids. Both of them may from time to time irritate members of both parties - and Dr Owen is especially prone to upset Liberals - but if either of them is cut down to size too much by his own followers the Alliance will suffer.

The other reason why Mr Steel needs to reestablish his grip is at least as important. The Liberals are engaged in an extraordinarily complex exercise. Unlike the Conservatives or Labour, they do not simply have to determine their policy and ask the electorate to vote them into office.

They have to coordinate policy with their Social Democratic allies, to persuade the electorate to support them even if there is no realistic prospect of the two of them forming a government on their own and at the same time to position themselves for difficult negotiations in a hung Parliament that is the summit of their reasonable ambitions.

Such an operation could be conducted successfully only by a party acting as an effective fighting unit. The problem with the Liberals is that they so often behave like a political debating society. They tend to congratulate themselves on the quality of their discussions, even when the wisdom of the decisions leaves something to be desired.

Debating society not enough

There is undeniable charm in such an attitude. But political battles, especially complex battles which require the capacity to manoeuvre under pressure, are won by parties that operate more like armies than debating societies.

As a first step, the Liberal MPs are likely to impose a measure of collective responsibility upon themselves soon after Parliament resumes. The worst travails of this week would have been avoided if such a rule had been in operation by now.

But organizational changes will not be enough. Mr Steel will have to strike a careful balance if he is to assert his leadership without appearing undemocratic and a bad loser.

The Liberals will not recover from this disastrous week unless Mr Steel recovers control of the party, and he will not recover that control unless he is more prepared to spell out the brutal realities of the choices before it.

WOMEN Righting balance of power

The most unjust aspect of the old codes of power, wealth and influence was their systematic discrimination against women, Mrs Julie Horton, a member of the Liberal working group on the status of women, said when she successfully moved approval of an Alliance document, *Freedom and Choice for Women*.

Among its proposals were a call for equal treatment of women in tax and benefit systems.

Ms Emma Morgan, Somerset and Frome, said there were women doctors and judges but even then they did not get the response of their male counterparts.

Ms Jobs Aleksander, of Haringey, said the document was a betrayal of all mothers and grandmothers who had fought and struggled for equality. It was bland, full of platitudes and contained not enough action.

FARMING Assembly fights for the countryside vote

A wide-ranging policy motion designed to enable the Alliance to capture the rural vote was passed by the assembly.

Mr Christopher Wainwright, who came so close to capturing West Derbyshire in the by-election in May, reminded Liberals that the Alliance was second to the Conservatives in 272 parliamentary constituencies and that the Labour Party did not hold a rural seat in the whole of England.

He was one of a procession of speakers who condemned the decline in rural life under the present Government.

Considerable concern was expressed about the plight of farmers who found themselves in considerable debt and the banks came under fire for being insufficiently helpful in enabling young people to start in farming.

Mr John Burnett, parliamentary candidate for Torridge and West Devon, offered strong support for the motion's proposal for an agricultural bank. He said it would help farmers who were on the interest rate treadmill and enable new entrants to get into farming.

Mr Paul Sample, editor of *Liberal News* and son of a Wiltshire farmer, said that, although the price of agricultural land had fallen sharply, it was harder for young farmers and new entrants to get financial backing.

Mr Richard Livesey, MP for Brecon and Radnor and party spokesman on agriculture, successfully moved the policy motion, which stated that eligibility for price support must be limited and set out how the emphasis of EEC policy could be shifted and how savings could be used. Various ways of increasing opportunities for young farmers were advocated.

An amendment designed to encourage large farms to release land to let as small start-up units was carried.

Mr Jack Alton, chairman of the Liberal agricultural panel and chairman of Wiltshire County Council, strongly argued against that idea, however, and the assembly backed him by rejecting it.

He said it would be illogical to suggest using something that the party wanted to be abolished.

Mr Livesey said policy on commodity prices could not be open-ended and they must be prepared to give small and medium-size farms direct income support.

Mr Steven Morris, parliamentary candidate for Leominster, advocated grants and low-interest loans for the creation of viable farm units.

Mrs Linda Selby, parliamentary candidate for Devon, said their policy represented a partnership between government, farmer and consumer.

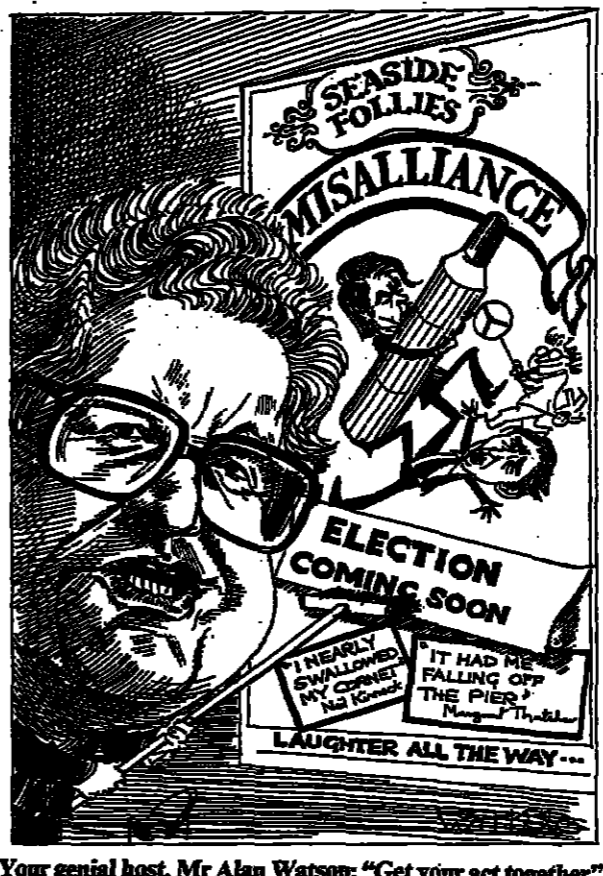
There was laughter when she said that for the grain farmers of East Anglia, crop rotation meant barley followed by barley followed by a world cruise.

FOOTBALL League is asked to reconsider

The Football League was asked to reconsider its decision to expel Luton Town from the Littlewood Cup because of the club's ban on visiting supporters.

An emergency motion carried by the assembly regretted the decision and supported "the brave attempt by Luton Town Football Club to eliminate the violence which has marred the good name of football in Luton and nationally". It noted that the Luton experiment had been totally successfully.

Mr David Franks, a Luton borough councillor, said the background to the issue was the urban terrorism that took place every Saturday in areas around grounds.



Your genial host, Mr Alan Watson: "Get your act together".

Steel prepares a rough ride

Liberal pressure groups were engaged yesterday in a battle for Mr David Steel's ear as he prepared his crucial conference speech for today.

The party's president-elect, Mr Des Wilson, was urging Mr Steel to be conciliatory and to respect the feelings of the party showed in rejecting his line on defence. So were the Association of Liberal Councillors and the candidates' association.

But Mr Steel was preparing a rough ride for the party and was prepared to shed a few passengers in his determination to sweep away the muddle and achieve some clarity.

What was clear in the continuing fallout from the public relations shambles of the defence debate was that this was probably the last Liberal Assembly of its kind.

The defence dispute is likely to have profound consequences for Mr Steel's leadership, for the constitution of the party and for the controversy over a post-election merger with the SDP.

Complaints were flying thick and fast from Liberal activists that, while they respect their leader's ability and public appeal, he is out of touch with his members.

One said: "If David Steel would only form a coalition with his own party he would be unstoppable."

The troubles came, they say, because Mr Steel remains coqueted with his entourage, by which they mostly mean his indispensable chief adviser, Mr Richard Holme.

They complain that Mr William Wallace, formerly a close adviser, who did communicate with activist groups, has been excluded from the inner circles since the leaking of his report a year ago in which he said with total accuracy that the Alliance was insufficiently prepared for government.

What is clear is that the party leadership now lacks men who can manage the party, a task that was performed a few years ago with sound common sense and unflinching good humour by Mr Geoffrey Evans and Mr Geoff Toroff, both now peers.

But now that the Liberals have not six MPs but nineteen, the cheerful anarchy that has prevailed for years can no longer be afforded.

Now that there are 2,000 people instead of 200 turning up to the Liberal Assembly they cannot afford to allow just any party member who wants to, and who can find the £18 registration fee (only £5 for the unemployed), to vote in a crucial debate.

Mr Steel and his chief whip, Mr David Alton, are now to impose collective responsibility on their fellow MPs. There are also plans to change the whole structure of the assembly, to make those who attend it representative of the party nationwide.

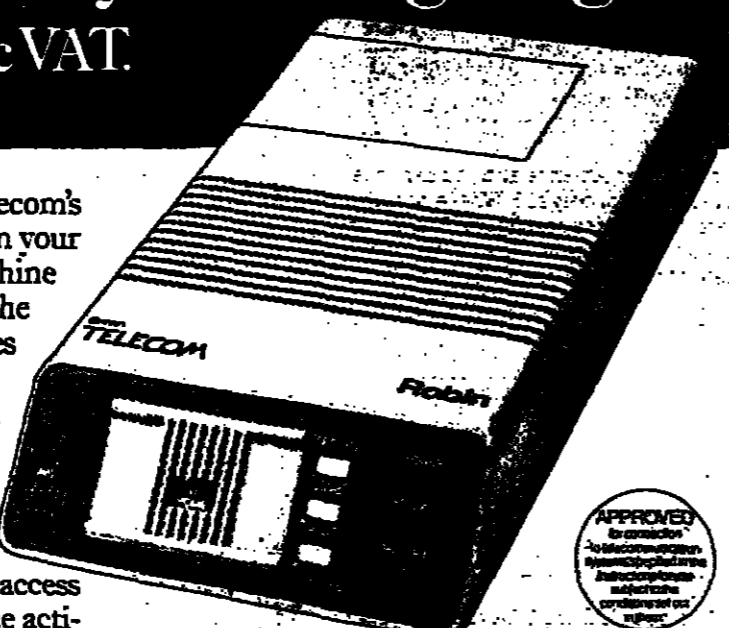
Mr Steel is attracted by the idea of having his party, like the SDP, pass policy motions that are the result of deliberation by expert committees.

But it is all much too late. And Liberal activists point out that if the party chiefs are to change the ways of the assembly then they will insist that the party leader should lose his right of veto over policy.

Today's agenda

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, and Mr Paul Tyler, party chairman, will address the assembly at its closing session this afternoon. Debates today will be on the Liberal youth campaign, the relationship between central and local government, penal policy, and local Liberals.

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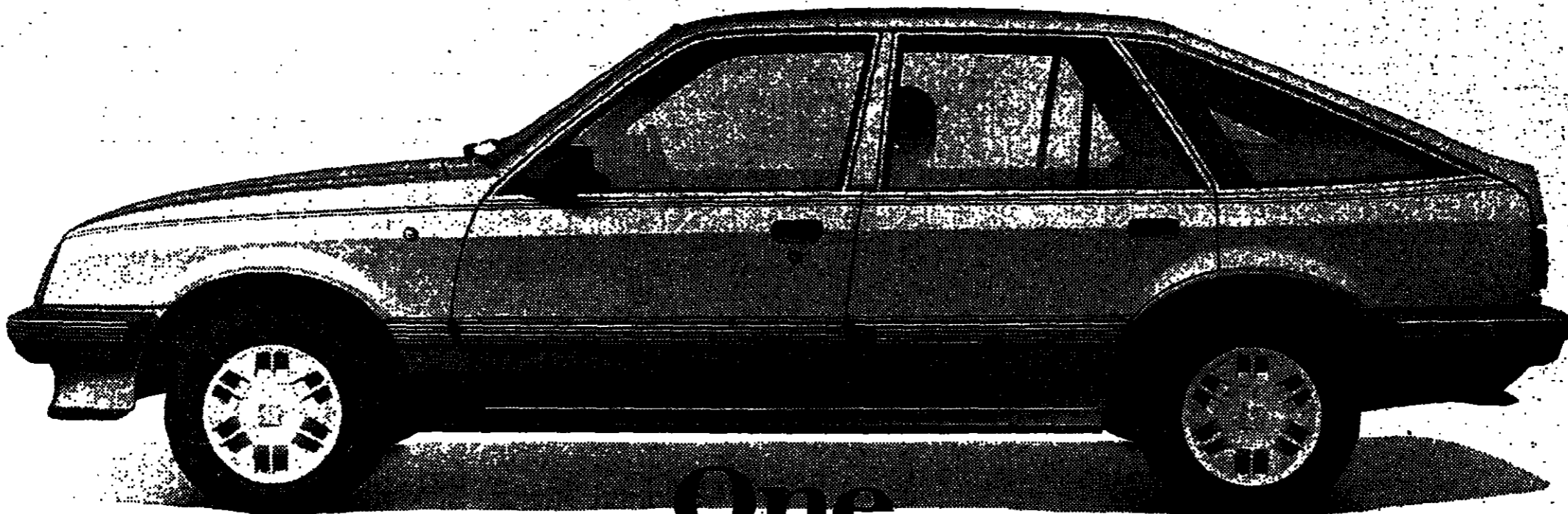
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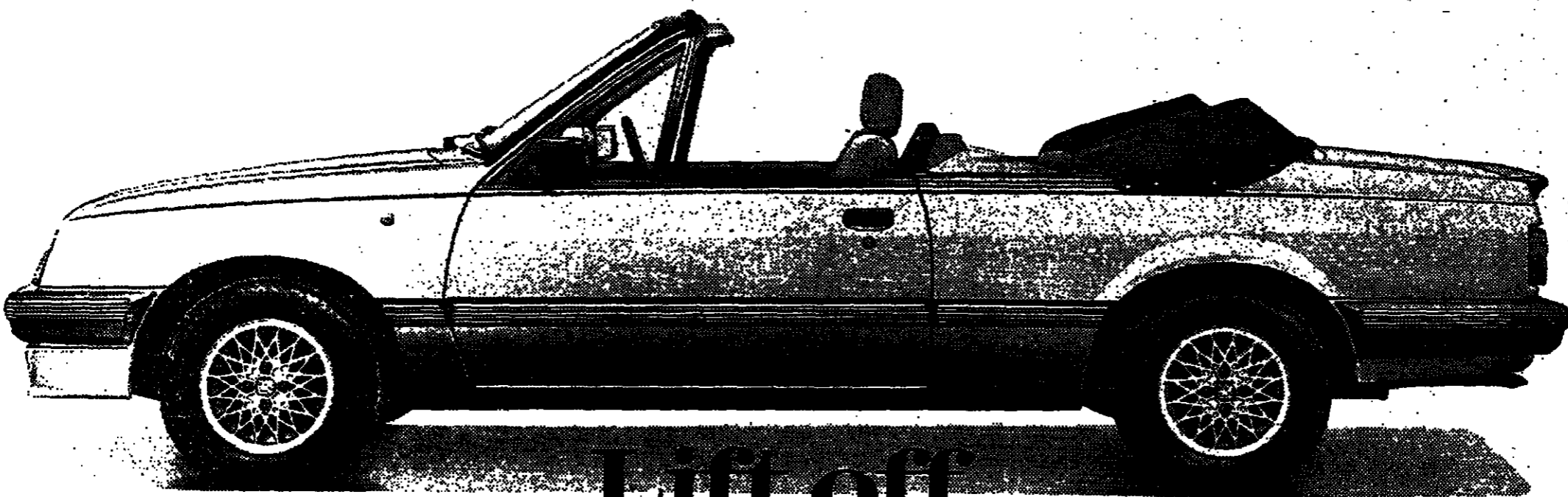
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Success for Gorbachov initiative

Resumption of border talks adds to thaw in Sino-Soviet relations

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Attempts to heal the 25-year rift between the two largest communist states received a significant boost yesterday with the announcement that talks on border disputes between China and the Soviet Union are to be resumed after a break of nearly nine years...

along the Chinese shore, thus claiming a number of islands in the river for itself. China's grievances were increased by the fact that the Ussuri river, on the eastern frontier, is known as the Amur in the Soviet Union...

Howe tribute to Nato

New York — Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, said yesterday that encouraging signs of movement in US-Soviet arms control talks were a tribute to Nato solidarity...

the failure of Moscow's strategy despite the Soviet Union's tenacious attempts to mastermind a rift, he said. This had left the Russians no choice but to move from the propaganda arena to the negotiating table...

Comecon meeting applauded

The completion of three days of talks this week between the EEC and Comecon, the Soviet bloc economic organization, was hailed in Brussels yesterday as a further step towards reducing East-West tensions...

Chernobyl aftermath Experts warned of 'cosmetic' treaties

The Italian delegate told the world's most powerful nations yesterday that their attempts at developing standards to make nuclear power safer were more of a cosmetic exercise than a practical proposition...

Greens hold their own nuclear safety rally

Vienna — One of Vienna's most famous landmarks, the giant ferris wheel made famous in the film The Third Man, was draped yesterday with a banner calling for the international abandonment of nuclear power...



A policeman grabbing Frédéric Oriach as he tries to declare his innocence to journalists in the Jardin du Luxembourg.

Bombing suspect seized in Paris park

Frédéric Oriach, a suspected leader of the extreme-left group Action Directe, was arrested yesterday as he was about to hold a press conference in the Jardin du Luxembourg in Paris...

links with the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction (Far), the group believed to be behind the Paris bombings. But there is no doubt that he is a founder of an extreme-left group which was to become one of the main constituents of Action Directe...

Ever since eight of the nine turned up in northern Lebanon a week ago, the bombings in Paris have ceased. M Baudouin vigorously denied newspaper claims that the Government had negotiated the release of Georges Abdallah...

Mgr Capucci had met Abdallah at his own request, M Baudouin said. "It was up to Mgr Capucci to see what he could do. There was no question of giving into blackmail or of envisaging any kind of bargain."

Killer of British teenagers gets life

Hong Kong (Reuters) — A Chinese youth aged 16 who admitted murdering two British teenagers on a remote Hong Kong hillside was sentenced yesterday to indefinite detention.

Havana expels agency chiefs

Havana (AFP) — Cuba has expelled the bureau chiefs here of Reuters and Agence France-Presse news agencies for having quoted a human rights activist.

Cost of fraud

Peking (Reuters) — Huang Yuhui, a high-ranking Chinese Communist Party official in Guangxi province, was executed for leading a group which earned the equivalent of more than £34,000 in fraud and bribery, Peking Radio reported.

Climbers' ban

Kathmandu (AFP) — Two mountaineers, a Swiss and a Pole, have been banned from climbing in the Nepalese Himalayas for five years after an illegal scaling of the 26,903 ft Mount Cho Oyu.

Party millions

Peking (AFP) — The Chinese Communist Party has admitted 6.3 million new members since 1981, bringing total membership to 44 million.

Brain drain

Washington (AP) — The active ingredient in marijuana, called THC, causes a loss of brain cells in rats similar to that attributed to ageing, raising fresh concern about the illegal drug...



Signor Sandro Pertini, the former President of Italy (above) celebrated his 90th birthday yesterday. The Pope joined leading politicians in congratulating him.

Live surgery

Moscow (Reuters) — Soviet surgeons gingerly but successfully removed a primed grenade lodged in a soldier wounded while serving in Afghanistan.

Gorilla dies

New York (AP) — Carolyn, the oldest gorilla in captivity, died of natural causes in the Bronx Zoo at the age of 47. She stayed at the Central Park Zoo from 1943 until 1982 when she was moved to the Bronx Zoo.

Aid call

San Jose (Reuters) — Costa Rica asked for international help to deal with the growing number of Nicaraguan refugees entering the country daily to escape the bloodshed and economic hardships.



M Chirac insisting on an Israeli pullout.

French to stay part of Unifil

M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, said his Government had no plans to withdraw the French contingent serving with the United Nations Truce Supervision Force in Lebanon (Unifil)...

Jet forced down in Zambia

Zambia ordered a Portuguese aircraft, carrying 121 passengers and eight crew to land in Lusaka on Tuesday and held it on the ground for 18 hours, claiming it had violated Zambian airspace...

Pretoria cuts off line to the press

The South African Government's Bureau for Information announced yesterday that it had decided the best way to improve the accuracy and quality of the service provided by its "media centre" in Pretoria was to close it down...

Church job for Boesak

The rebel Dutch Reformed Church clergyman, Dr Allan Boesak, has been elected Moderator of the Mission Church, the branch of the church which ministers mainly to South Africa's Coloured community (Michael Hornsby writes).

Reagan to veto tough sanctions Bill

President Reagan plans to veto a tough congressional Bill of economic sanctions against South Africa today, the Senate Republican leader, Senator Robert Dole, said yesterday.

Censorless Hungary finds freedom has limits

indeed passed in Hungary, rightly praised as the most relaxed country in the Soviet bloc. But how free is free? There is technically no censor in Hungary, but the Communist Party dominates the senior editorial staff of all publications and has instituted a system of post-censorship with detailed analysis of what should not have been printed.

Reprimands, warnings, dismissals and closures are part of everyday publishing life. A television news director was reprimanded the other day for showing too much of the British royal wedding; the coverage, though better than in the rest of East Europe, was not exactly comprehensive.

self-censorship on these subjects that is, they ignore them. But there are certain grey areas and, if an enterprising writer slips through a reference to a Soviet historical figure, somebody somewhere — perhaps a vigilant reader in the Soviet Embassy — will make it an issue. Inquests are held.

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Etna quiets down after eruption

The eruption followed about 10 days of activity, including small expulsions of lava. It was marked by the dramatic emergence of a black cloud of volcanic ash, similar in its mushroom shape to a nuclear explosion.

towns on Mt Etna's slopes. The airport was closed because there were fears that aircraft would skid on the slippery surface.

Mr John Murray, a British volcanologist leading a study group on Mt Etna, said last night: "I have never experienced anything like Wednesday night. Volcanic bombs were reaching heights between two and three miles, and at a mile and a half away we could feel the heat."

US forces in Honduras on alert

Contra rebels believed ready for big push into Nicaragua

From Philip Jacobson Honduras A few weeks before the Reagan Administration begins pumping substantial new funds into supporting the Nicaraguan Contras, there is growing speculation here that the rebels are planning a big incursion into Sandinista territory.

Flights into Honduras recently have contained an unusually high number of American civilians often describing themselves as anthropologists.

Another poor performance on the battlefield, especially if accompanied by further allegations of brutality towards non-combatants, is certain to expose the White House to renewed pressure from opponents of Administration policy in Honduras and Nicaragua.

The more Reagan builds up the Contras as heroes fighting for freedom, the greater the pressure will be on them to deliver something that looks like \$100 million, one observer said.

Contra camps along the tense border with Nicaragua have been put off-limits to journalists amid rumours of intensive preparations for resumption of the fighting.

There are indications that the US military machine in Honduras has been put on high alert. A large party of Special Forces commandos is said to have arrived recently at the sprawling American Air Force base in Palmerola, an hour's drive from the capital.

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Falkland fishing pacts defended by Argentina

From Eduardo Cae, Buenos Aires Argentina has strongly defended its bilateral agreements with the Soviet Union and Bulgaria allowing those countries to fish in the waters around the Falkland Islands.

Lange rejects Russian bid for landing rights

From Richard Long, Wellington The New Zealand Government yesterday rejected a renewed Soviet request for Aeroflot landing rights and fishing fleet facilities.

Repeating to recent criticism of the agreements by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Minister, the Argentine Fisheries Under-Secretary, Señor Luis Jaimes, said on Wednesday that they "guarantee without a doubt the conservation of the area's fishing resources and regulate their exploitation in the economic zone that is exclusively Argentine".

The request was raised with Mr Michael Moore, New Zealand's Minister for Overseas Trade, who is in Moscow. Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, said in Wellington that the approach was rejected because of wider relationships with the Soviet Union and "other countries".



Delegates met in Vienna yesterday to resume talks about mutual balanced force reductions, including Russia's Mr Vladimir Mikhailov, left, and the US envoy, Mr Robert Blackwill.

Gloom over Vienna troop cut talks

From Richard Bassett, Vienna The 40th round of mutual balanced force reduction talks (MBFR) began yesterday in Vienna amid increasing speculation that the deadlocked negotiations may not survive into the new year.

Test ban 'would bar safety research'

From Mohsin Ali Washington

The United States disclosed that about two-thirds of its nuclear stockpile has yet to be fitted with ultra-modern safety devices, and gave this as a key reason for continuing underground testing.

The Pentagon released an unusual photograph of a damaged nuclear warhead and made public a letter to Congress from Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, in support of President Reagan's strong opposition to joining the Soviet Union's unilateral test ban.

The warhead was cracked in an experiment during an underground nuclear test in Nevada, the Pentagon said. That testing could help American scientists to design shields to protect warheads from attack in space as they headed for their targets.

"The introduction of modern safety and security devices into the two-thirds of our stockpiled weapons that do not yet have them would be halted" by a test ban, Mr Weinberger said in his letter.

But Mr Frank Gaffney, the Deputy Assistant Defence Secretary, emphasized that American nuclear weapons had been designed for decades in a manner in which there was "zero possibility" of an accidental nuclear explosion.

But some high explosive, non-nuclear triggers on such devices could detonate in a plane crash or other accident, possibly causing the spread of dangerous plutonium.

"We are fixing the problem through... a very impressive technique called 'insensitive high explosive' that will not detonate except under very carefully controlled, specific circumstances," he said.

Army anxiety over 'dirty war' trial

From Eduardo Cae, Buenos Aires

Two former Buenos Aires police chiefs and 10 other people went on trial here yesterday on charges of kidnapping and torturing more than 280 people during the military regime's "dirty war" against terrorism.

As the new inquiry into human rights violations got under way there were strong indications that the civilian Government of President Alfonsín is worried that prolonged prosecution of lower-ranking military officers may further upset and demoralize the armed forces, whose public prestige is at an all-time low following the loss of the Falklands war.

The chief defendant in the trial is General Ramón Juan Camps who, as chief of the Buenos Aires province police between 1976 and 1978, developed a reputation for being as ruthless as he was outspoken.

"He is one of the symbols of the repression in Argentina," Señor Luis Moreno Ocampo, the assistant prosecutor in the case, said.

General Camps received worldwide notoriety in the 1978 book by the former newspaper publisher, Jacobo Timmerman, Prisoner Without a Name, Cell Without a Number, in which the general's surrealistic interrogations were described.

The trial, which is expected to last until Christmas, is the first time officers who carried out orders from their superiors to torture have been indicted, a development reported to have caused consternation within the armed forces.

The military had hoped legal action would be limited to the high-ranking officers under whose seven-year dictatorship more than 9,000 persons disappeared and are presumed dead.

Fur flies as town bylaw ruffles the cat lobby

From Paul Valley, New York

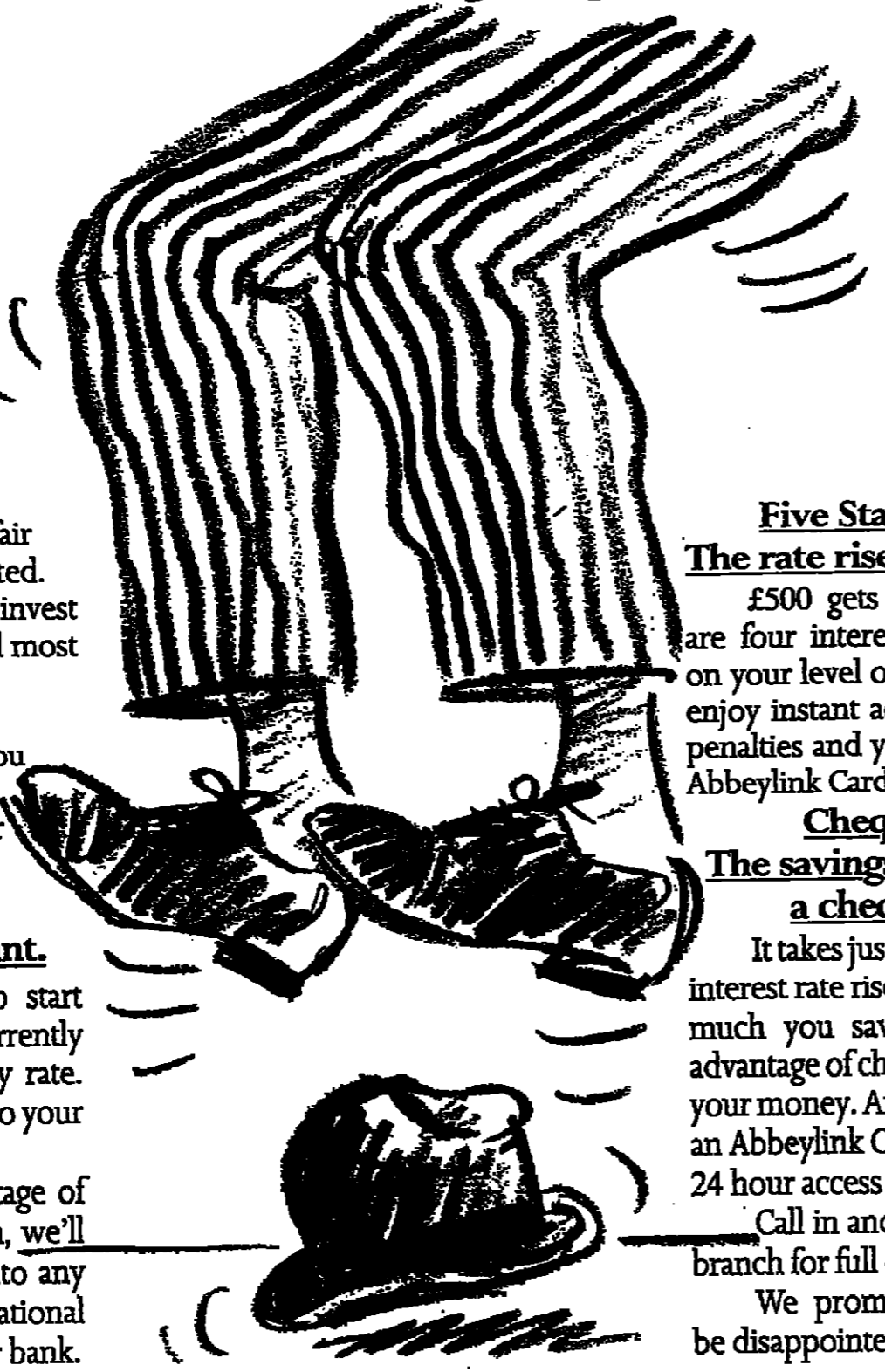
Mayor Michael Hannum of the small town of Pitman, New Jersey, has been trying for years to attract the interest of the American media. Now he is besieged by it.

"This town is officially listed as having the Number One toxic waste site in the entire United States," he said. "We have been trying to draw their attention to our campaign without any success. Now they're all here because of the cats."

This week Pitman Borough Council passed an ordinance limiting to three the number of cats any household can "keep, harbour or maintain". The bylaw has caused uproar among animal lovers of the nation.

The mayor is anxious to dispel the notion that the exclusive little town, which has 11 churches and no bars and serves as a dormitory suburb of New York and Philadelphia, is infested with cats.

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Manila welcomes President home with cheers and yellow confetti Cabinet briefs Aquino on rebel crisis

From Keith Dalton
Manila

President Aquino returned yesterday from the United States to cheering crowds, and immediately sat down with her Cabinet to discuss mounting calls for tougher action against communist rebels.

Within hours her outspoken Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, told a business meeting that, if unchecked, the war could reach "a point of irreversibility" by 1990, when the 17,000-strong New People's Army could field up to 30,000 men.

"That means we will be fighting each other in a conventional war, no longer just a guerrilla war. It's a statement," he said.

Before the meeting Vice-President Salvador Laurel also said that "a more decisive policy" in combating the 17-year insurgency would be presented to Mrs Aquino, whose call for an immediate ceasefire has been rejected by the rebels.

More than 30,000 people lined the route of the presidential motorcade, which was showered with yellow confetti from office buildings at Makati, the financial centre, where crowds chanting "Cory, Cory" surged on to the road. Hundreds of yellow balloons soared skywards trailing yellow streamers, and banners strung from office windows proclaimed "Welcome home, a job well done".

At the airport Mrs Aquino



Mr Enrile, right, with General Ramos, centre, and Mr Ramon Mitra, Agriculture Minister, at yesterday's Cabinet meeting.

she had been made to understand the "imperative of Philippine growth", and she hoped that re-negotiation of a \$25.4 billion (£18 billion) foreign debt could reduce annual repayments from 40 per cent of export earnings to 25 per cent.

Final approval is needed for a \$508 million stand-by loan from the International Monetary Fund and \$300 million from the World Bank.

The US Senate also has to vote on a \$200 million aid package.

Stressing that Filipinos should not "hold our breath" for outside answers to the country's economic plight, Mrs Aquino said: "The main effort is ours... let us get on with it then, for what else is there to wait for?"

At the Cabinet meeting the armed forces chief, General Fidel Ramos, presented Mrs Aquino with an updated report on the security situation.

NZ acts to save hot springs of Rotorua

From Richard Long
Wellington

The New Zealand Government has proposed drastic measures to save one of the country's main tourist attractions, the Rotorua thermal area, which is internationally famous for its hot pools, geysers and mud pools.

Concerned about the draining of underground hot springs by private bore users, which has led to declining thermal activity and the threatened extinction of the area, the Government proposed the closure of all inefficient geothermal bores. It has also suggested a summer shutdown of all bores close to the Pohatu geyser.

The conservation moves, proposed by Mr Bob Tizard, the Minister of Energy, Mr Phil Goff, the Minister for the Environment, and Mr Peter Tapsell, the Minister of Internal Affairs, are to be taken to next week's Cabinet meeting for final approval.

But the moves were met with an outcry from Rotorua bore owners and criticism from Mr Paul East, the city's opposition MP, who said they were arbitrary.

Central to the rescue operation is the vesting of managerial responsibility for the thermal area with the Ministry of Energy, instead of local councils.

Harare signals big constitutional changes next year

From A Correspondent, Harare

Zimbabwe is to change its Westminster parliamentary system next year, Dr Eddison Zvobgo, the Minister of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs, has confirmed.

Dr Zvobgo told members of the 40-seat Senate that it will be abolished next year in a programme which includes introduction of an executive presidency and the removal of 20 seats reserved for whites in the 100-member House of Assembly.

Plans to amend the British-drafted Lancaster House independence constitution were "extensive and well advanced", he said.

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, is reported to be on the brink of signing a unity agreement with Mr Joshua Nkomo, leader of Zapu, the main black opposition party, which would inaugurate a one-party state.

On April 18, the eighth anniversary of independence, Mr Mugabe is constitutionally entitled to remove the 20 seats for whites if he can muster 70 votes in the House.

He controls 66 seats and Mr Nkomo controls 14 seats. Mr Mugabe will not be able to outlaw all organized opposition until 1990 unless he gets approval from all 100 MPs, including 14 in the Conservative Alliance of Mr Ian Smith, the former Rhodesian

Prime Minister, five white independents who generally support the Government, and a lone member of the party of the exiled founder of Zapu, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole.

"Details will have to wait until very thorough consideration has been given, but I can say I look forward to the year after next with great joy," Dr Zvobgo said.

Security clamp: The Zimbabwe Government is imposing security restrictions on returning residents, a move which observers believe is aimed particularly at the 100,000 whites who emigrated to South Africa after the start of the 1973-80 war for black rule here.

Mr Enos Nkala, the Minister of Home Affairs, told the Senate that "birds of flight" would have to be cleared by Zimbabwe's secret service, the Central Intelligence Organization (CIO).

"The CIO and the CID have to find out if the individual is suitable and ensure that he will not be used by our enemies to destabilize Zimbabwe," Mr Nkala said.

"There are many returning residents from South Africa, they are welcome but they should satisfy us," he said.

Mr Nkala did not specify if the process would be applied to returning Zimbabwean citizens.

Political unrest in Pakistan

Zia rules out need for martial law

From Hassan Akhtar, Islamabad

President Zia of Pakistan has accused opposition elements of attempting to create a law and order problem and pave the way for another period of martial law.

The President, who also commands the Army and imposed the country's longest period of martial law in 1977, said martial law would not be imposed because the Government could handle the situation.

President Zia rejected the possibility of removing the civilian Government under the Chief Minister, Syed Ghous Ali Shah, in Sindh province and the imposition of governor's rule. There has been much disorder in Pakistan's southern province, which has been in the forefront of anti-government demonstrations since 1983.

President Zia, speaking at a news conference in Quetta, said he is willing to talk with the Opposition, which boycotted his 1985 non-party general elections. But he said the Movement for Restoration of Democracy (MRD) — the alliance of 10 opposition parties — had been inflexible.

"We will hold the next elections in 1990, and if the MRD has any questions it can come and discuss it with us," President Zia said.

The MRD, however, insists that President Zia should resign and fresh elections, with the participation of political parties, should be held without delay under the original 1973 constitution.

President Zia said he abhorred the party political system and would like to keep parties out of the local elections to be held in 1987.

The Prime Minister, Mr Muhammad Khan Junejo, who heads the ruling Muslim League party, has repeatedly said political parties are necessary to run the country democratically. But General Zia said that, if the foundation of a political system is weak — and he implied that he regards political parties as unstable — the building which will be erected on it will remain vulnerable and may crumble.

The Prime Minister's efforts to re-plant democracy in Pakistan after nine years of martial law appear to have run into serious difficulties with a bad crime situation in his home province of Sindh, as well as other criminal activities, such as the recent hijacking of a Pan Am jet in Karachi, murders of Soviet and Iraqi diplomats, and sectarian clashes in several Punjab cities and towns resulting in the imposition of curfews in parts of Lahore, the capital of Punjab province, and its suburb, Shahdara.

Press reports have hinted at major political changes taking place in Punjab and Sindh, but no official confirmation is available.

Dhaka press strike

Dhaka — Newspapers in Bangladesh failed to come out for the fifth consecutive day yesterday as more than 7,000 journalists and printers continued their strike to press for re-opening of two newspapers closed by the owners after a dispute with unions (Ahmed Fazl writes).

Journalists and printers walked out demanding that the daily Bangladesh Observer

and its sister weekly Chitrali should resume publication.

More than 500 people were jobless when the owners closed the newspapers last May and refused to resume publication unless the unions accepted new technology and the dismissal of redundant staff. The dispute has affected 20 dailies, 13 of them in Dhaka, and the government-run National News Agency.

Security round-up for Games

Seoul (Reuters) — South Korea arrested 263,564 suspected criminals in a three-month drive to tighten security for the Asian Games under way in Seoul, police said yesterday.

Those arrested, who accounted for one in every 150 of the population, included suspected hoodlums, robbers, pickpockets, rapists and murderers, police said.

The authorities charged 48,333, summarily sentenced 76,312 to up to 29 days in jail, and are questioning 16,004. The rest have been freed.

Security is an overriding concern for the Games after a bomb attack at Seoul airport on September 14 killed five South Koreans and injured more than 30.

The South Korean Government has blamed the blast on North Korea, accusing the communist North of being bent on sabotaging the Asian Games.

South Korea's 100,000 policemen are on alert against terrorist attacks.

Airport authorities said they had expelled a West German from South Korea after he was found to be listed as a suspected criminal by Interpol. He arrived from Tokyo on Tuesday.

World Bridge Britons in final 168

From a Bridge Correspondent
Miami Beach

One British pair qualified for the final of the open pairs world championship being played here.

Glyn Ligging, aged 24, a host at the London School of Bridge, and Andy Robson, aged 22, a supply teacher in Bristol, finished in 20th place in a semi-final round of 168 pairs which included most of the world's leading players.

The field was headed by Lou Bluhm and Bart Bramley, of the United States. Of the leading 42 qualifying pairs 18 were from the US and the field was completed by six pairs from the rest of the world.

Placings of the other British semi-finalists were Patrick Jourdain and Barry Rigal 85, Roman Smolski and Henry Bethé 116, and Tony Sowter and Paul Hackert 154.

In the women's championship, world champions Sally Horton and Sandra Landy finished in fourth place.

Leading qualifiers were the former world champions, Jacqui Mitchell and Judge Amalia Kears of New York. Both finals began yesterday.

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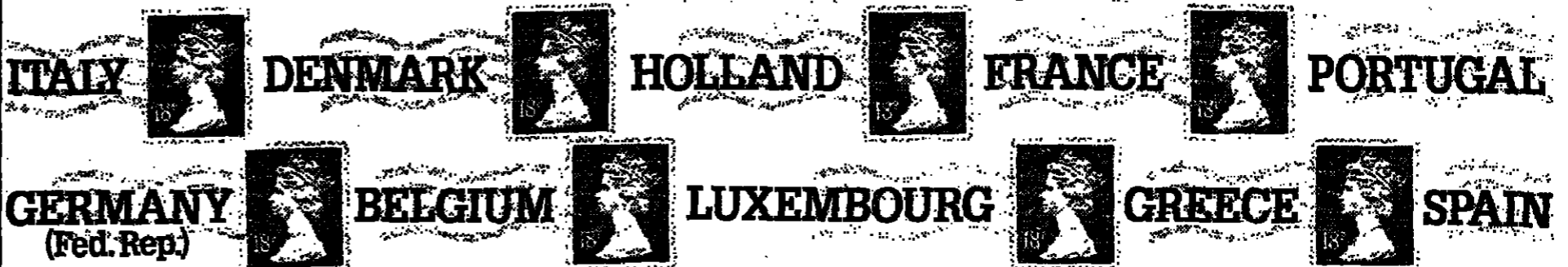
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FRIDAY PAGE

A solo life behind the lines...

Jane Lapotaire lit another Gauloise and considered her craft. "Actress" she said. "Please don't call me that. It's a disparaging word which still has connotations of Edward VII and his music hall ladies. It's tantamount to saying someone is an easy lay." She added, in that husky voice which can fill an auditorium with a blast of sexual anticipation, "You don't have doctors and doctresses, or painters and painteresses."

A woman of passionate roles, Jane Lapotaire reveals a cool determination to Andrew Duncan

Her psyche is stacked with the complex neuroses which actresses - actors - often hang about themselves as credentials, and she treads the wobbly financial and emotional path of single parent, feminist and "caring" person with a vigour that does not lack lightness, and a seriousness that often dissolves into humour and self-mockery. At 41 she has overcome the trauma of being the illegitimate daughter of a GI she never knew and an 18-year-old girl, who gave Jane to a foster mother in Ipswich at birth - and then tried, unsuccessfully, to win her back through the courts when she was 12.

I used to have a lot of resentment and hate, but now I have compassion, although I can't say I ever loved her. The moment I became a mother I could never understand how anyone could leave a child. Do you want to know the corny cliché of why I went into the theatre? I remember thinking at school that if I couldn't have the two people who were

I would resent falling in love again'

supposed to love me in my life, then I would have 500 people out there who didn't know me, and they would all love me. Of course, that's not the reason I continued."

She is now in repertory at the Royal Shakespeare Company for seven months, starting as Lina in G.B. Shaw's Misalliance and Maya in Arthur Miller's The Archbishop's Calling. Of Shaw's farce, she commented: "I'm staggered that the play isn't performed more often - it's very relevant and modern, and it's huge fun for me not to be playing a massive role. I can't believe I've got time to put my feet up or potter in the garden."

"Lina is Shaw's idea of what a modern liberated young woman should be - she wears trousers, earns her own living and is not dependent on anyone. I have a lot of similarities with her. I haven't made any man 'the master of my body and my soul', as Lina says."

"Never? She has been married twice - first, briefly, to a cameraman and then, for 10 years, to film director Roland Joffé by whom she has a 13-year-old son, Rowan."

"I don't want my guts churned waiting for the phone to ring, or the electric shocks when he walks round the corner. I tend to back away from the 'grit under the skin' problems. When things become tacky I have the sanctuary of my home, but I worry that the longer I am on my own the more fussy I become. I'm not sure how malleable I would be to another person's whims and foibles. I'm less tolerant and that makes me sad."

"I worry about old age but I have dreams. One is sharing it with an 'intellectual' companion - sex dwindles in importance as one gets older and compatibility is far more important. But, perhaps inevitably, I will be on my own - ideally in a cottage in the country, surrounded by cats, a typewriter and a lovely garden with several grandchildren who think grandma is sparky and makes good apple crumble."

"People who are divorced think they are free, but one veers between being proud of one's independence and then



Alone, not lonely: Jane Lapotaire sees herself growing old "surrounded by grandchildren"

feeling. "Maybe I should marry again". There is no lonelier sound than putting a key into the door of an empty house. On the other hand, I can get up at three in the morning to eat yoghurt."

Presumably that is an acquired middle-class habit and not the sort of eccentricity one expects of a working-class feminist from Ipswich. "I do consider myself middle class now. I got nothing but positive things from my second marriage and don't

consider the break-up was a failure - in some ways it is a very positive step towards admitting one's shortcomings. I was a working-class girl, who didn't know about leisure - my gran used to ask what the matter if she saw me reading a book - and I learned a lot about music, literature, wine and good food."

MEDICAL BRIEFING

London's pride

The battle between Dr Wendy Savage and the other London Hospital obstetricians has not shaken the faith of pregnant Tower Hamlets women in the hospital's ability to deliver babies with kindness and safety. Professor Geddis Grudzinski, the Australian head of department, told The Times that local patients had been remarkably uncommittal about the affair, and the demand for beds was greater than ever; the patients, he said, had obviously voted with their feet.

Medical Journal and Hospital Doctor. Although working in an area with notoriously poor social conditions, and despite the London Hospital's role as the regional neonatal intensive care unit with a heavy caseload of vulnerable babies, the perinatal mortality rate fell below the national average last year for the first time, and was the lowest ever recorded for the district. Instrumental delivery was used far less than in other areas with a comparable social background. The unit used forceps in 4.6 per cent of deliveries and the Caesarean section rate was 13.6 per cent (in the United States the Caesarean section rate is usually more than 20 per cent.) Both GPs and midwives increased their involvement in the patients' antenatal care published in the British

Use the needle, not the gun

Mr Snell, who has recently bought Ambridge Hall in The Archers, is not alone in being concerned about the danger of spreading viruses such as AIDS and hepatitis B with multidoze injector guns. But whereas Masdi vsna, the AIDS-type disease which affects sheep, is unlikely to prove a problem to David Archer's flock, the gun does represent a hazard when used with people. An estimated 25,000 to 30,000 people are now carrying AIDS in this country. As a result, Dr Donald Acheson, the Government's chief medical officer, has warned doctors not to give this year's influenza injections in this way, but to use disposable needles and syringes. The medical magazine, Pulse, quotes Professor Arne Zuckerman of The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine as saying that the danger from the multidoze gun arises when a patient's blood splashes back on to its nozzle, and is transferred from person to person.

Some 30,000 runners will line up in Hyde Park this Sunday to take part in the Sunday Times annual fun run. Although training is not normally taken seriously, the competitive element is quite strong. As a result, many of those who finish do not look too fit, and might need some first aid treatment. Dr Hugh Bethell, a former registrar in cardiology and now a general practitioner in Tisted, Hampshire, has analysed the training schedule of the runners who collapse in the four-kilometre race and has found that a quarter of those who came to grief had drunk the equivalent of a bottle of wine the night before.

Runners with high spirits



As the race is always held on a Sunday, the English pattern of a Saturday night out probably accounts for most of the casualties. Others had had a pre-race party to drum up sponsorship. But this year, Dr Bethell hopes the celebrations will be postponed until after the event. He told a meeting of GPs in Oxford that the cause of the collapse was severe low blood pressure, brought on by the combination of alcohol and unaccustomed exercise. Dr Thomas Stuttford

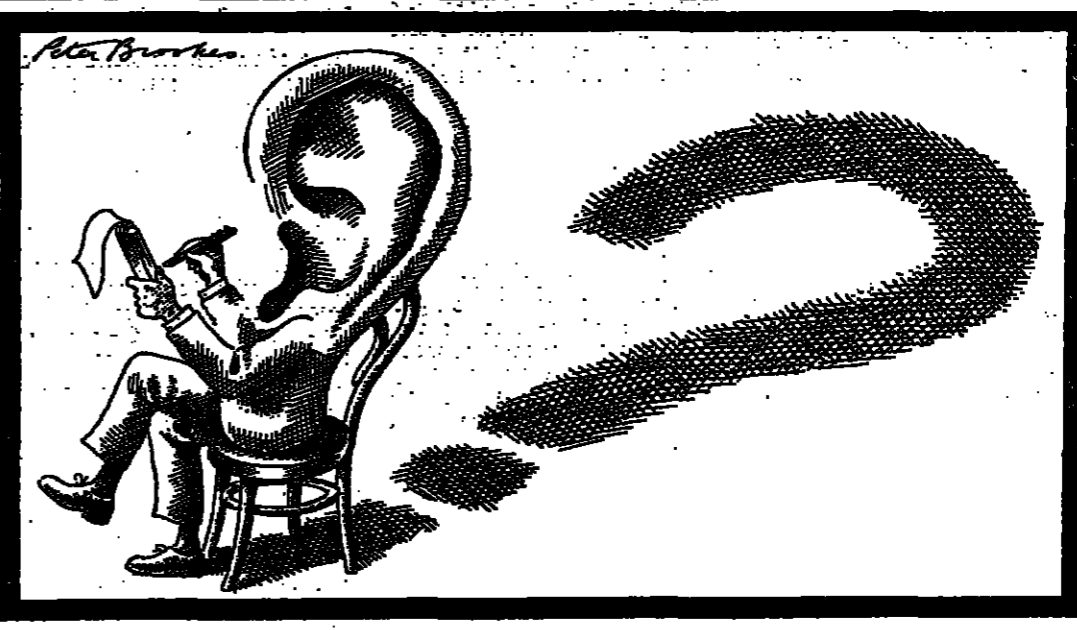
Concluding her series, Lindsay Knight counsels persistence in getting a referral for psychotherapy - and caution in choosing a therapist

Tracking down the talking cure

Having acknowledged that things are not right in their world, many people will first make an appointment with their doctor. What happens next depends to a considerable extent on the individual GP's attitude to psychological problems - is he or she sensitive to picking up such difficulties? GPs have become increasingly aware of their patients' psychological needs and now have at least a very basic training in this area. But there is still a distinct possibility that a patient who is depressed, anxious, not sleeping, will be offered medication - tranquillizers or anti-depressants - and little else by a GP with a packed waiting room. Many doctors do not feel equipped to help in any other way - one of the major criticisms of medical education, from inside and outside the profession, is the fact that it hardly touches on human relationships or psychological problems. Whether you are confronting a GP or a psychiatrist, if you want psychological therapy rather than chemotherapy you may have to be very clear and persistent - admit-

tedly not easy if you are very distressed, in which case you could ask a relative or friend to accompany and support you. If you do want psychotherapy, you can get it on the National Health Service, although unfortunately the service is not uniform nationwide. The private sector offers more options but also a number of dubious practitioners, and the choice should be made with care. On the NHS, whether you will be offered a pill or a "talking cure" is often a matter of luck and where you live. A few progressive individuals or groups in health centres offer sessions with a visiting therapist, or will willingly refer patients for psychotherapy to a psychiatric outpatient department or a hospital psychology department. But the waiting lists may be several months long, and you will have no choice about the psychotherapist offered to you. In the private sector anyone can advertise themselves as a psychotherapist: there is no register of therapists, no agreed training or code of practice. The main route seems to be word of mouth, although GPs or psychiatrists may have some names of reliable therapists, and your local MIND office will have lists of centres and organizations. Before making your choice, it is

important to consider exactly what you want help for, and how much time and money you are prepared to commit to therapy. The British Association of Psychotherapists offers a clinical assessment and referral service for analytical psychotherapy. The assessment is with a professional experienced psychotherapist who will explore with the patient whether psychotherapy is appropriate and feasible: if it does seem so, then a referral is made to another professionally qualified psychotherapist. A fee is charged for this assessment. The BAP assessors try to make a careful match between patient and therapist, although they are often restricted by geography and the shortage of vacancies. Some people will shop around before choosing. You certainly have every right to do this, although the costs might mount up. Everyone I spoke to, therapists and patients alike, emphasized that the key to good therapy was the relationship with the therapist, so the initial choice is important. Obviously you are often at your most vulnerable when you are at the stage of seeking therapeutic help, so you must be careful not to be exploited, either financially or otherwise. It seems safer to avoid any individual psychotherapist who advertises, unless they have



been recommended by others too. "Use your intuition," said Ron Lacey, MIND's campaign director. "It's the quality of the relationship that matters: there is not a lot of evidence that very lengthy training necessarily makes you a better therapist or analyst. Psychotherapy is, by its very nature, an unpredictable business and no psychotherapist can, with certainty, promise great changes or complete removal of symptoms. The research on its effectiveness is still very patchy, as is the work on any harm therapy might cause. Certainly some research has shown that the personality, attitudes, and general social adjustment of the client make far more difference to the outcome of therapy than anything the therapist can do. The potency of therapists should not be exaggerated, commented a leading psychotherapist: indeed, she added, some therapists are incompetent and potentially harmful. It is widely believed that clients do not do well with therapists who show them coldness or hostility, who tend to ridicule them when trying to be challenging and who use their relationships with patients to satisfy their own ends. Should your therapist consistently show such personal traits, then it is worth considering changing to another. Therapists should not be totally inflexible in their techniques, nor, stressed this therapist, should they set goals for the client which are inappropriate, unrealistic or not shared by the client. Not surprisingly, research has shown that experienced therapists tend to communicate better, show more empathy, genuineness and positive regard for their clients, take the initiative in therapy to a greater extent and are less distant and exploratory in their interventions. However, they may not always be available or may charge fees somewhat above your price range. And there are advantages in seeing a trainee or newly qualified therapist: enthusiasm (which rates very highly in research studies on the outcome of therapy) and more careful supervision by seniors. © Lindsay Knight 1988

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FIRST PERSON
Don't bank on my custom, Mr Jones
In these days of aggressive sales techniques, I can cope calmly and if necessary callously with the unsolicited telephone or doorstep salesman. But a recent experience at my bank left me both quivering with rage and full of irritation with myself for not handling the situation firmly. I must explain in mitigation that my opponent was a young and gangling clerk who, to judge from his manner and profuse perspiration, was not happy with the role his superiors had forced upon him. I can put down without compunction the smooth salesman, but I felt sorry for this lad. I had called in to settle my credit card account, and was told by the cashier that "Our Mr Jones would like to see you" and directed to the inquiry desk. I wasn't at all anxious while I waited for Mr Jones to appear - I knew my account was quite comfortably in the black. I even thought I might take the opportunity to ask about a deposit account, and compare the interest rates with those offered by my building society. When Mr Jones appeared he asked for my name and account number, and whether I had any building society accounts. It was then that I realized the cashier had picked me as a "victim" at random. Mr Jones then launched into a hard sell of the bank's facilities, covering everything from home contents insurance to regular savings schemes. When I explained that I worked freelance, sometimes not adding to my bank balance for three months at a time, he seemed unable to grasp the fact that regular deductions from my account would not be appropriate. "Surely you could manage just five or ten pounds a week," he pleaded. I said I now had quite a healthy balance in my current account and would like to transfer some of it to a deposit account. Would he be kind enough to give me the details? "Er..." he said. Obviously he had been programmed to give me certain information and I had put him off by deviating from the script. Recovering, he said he would fetch the information in a moment but first, were my household contents properly insured? I played the helpless female - "I leave that to my husband" - but this did not prevent his launching into the advantages of his bank's policy. Several pointed glances at my watch having had no effect, I told him that I was actually in rather a hurry, which flustered him a bit, causing him to repeat some of the things he had already said before going to get the information about deposit accounts which I had requested in the first place. "I don't suppose you'll be investing much - less than £200?" he inquired. He obviously hadn't checked up on my bank balance while away, so I agreed, in the hope of shortening the interview. I actually had £900 to stash away towards the day when I need to replace my car. He handed me a leaflet - "this would be the account you want". I asked him what the current interest rate was, thanked him hastily, and left to go to the building society down the road. His parting remark was one he had obviously made several times before - "I don't suppose your building society ever chats to you like this!" Margaret Griffin

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THE TIMES DIARY

Not so Old Moore

After the publication of The Times opinion poll, showing that 61 per cent of 16-24 year olds consider Mrs Thatcher "out of touch with young people"...

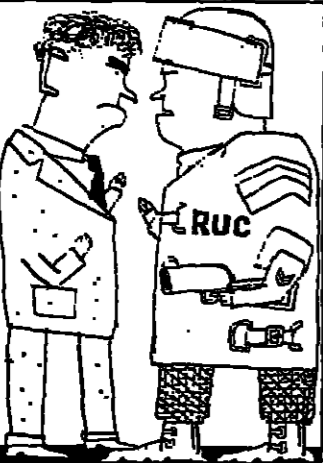
Silent service

Rosemary Cooper, who is out to wrest Robert Kilroy-Silk's Knowsley North seat for the Liberals, tells me that in her other role as a Liverpool councillor she has hit on an unusual way of embarrassing Derek Hatters...

Deja vu

There is a familiar ring to the report that David Steel has been involved in secret talks with prominent Tory moderates...

BARRY FANTONI



The Archers

Jeffrey Archer has come top of the class in Communication Skills and Numeracy. Not that Jeffrey Archer, but a fourth form namesake at Spence School, Towstree...

Looking ahead

Bodley Head has decided to press on with plans to publish its centenary history, not year despite the recent death of the author...

Inside story

Nicholas Daniloff's recent taste of prison life in Russia was not his first. Researching the life of an ancestor who took part in a plot against the Tsar in the 19th century...

Mountain view

An embarrassing slip by Brittany Ferries, the country's largest motoring tour operator. Their latest press release, launching their new Ski Drive package holidays...

Rover's reluctant axeman

Edward Townsend on the streamlined drive to stem the years of losses

Graham Day, the new chairman of Rover, formerly BL, has taken just five months to decide what is wrong with his charge - too much inbred old style management...

Edward Townsend on the streamlined drive to stem the years of losses. Rover will again be a company for sale - if a buyer can be found.

There, the "for sale" sign can more easily now be re-erected on Land Rover, which is making profits, leaving Leyland trucks to sink or swim on its own.

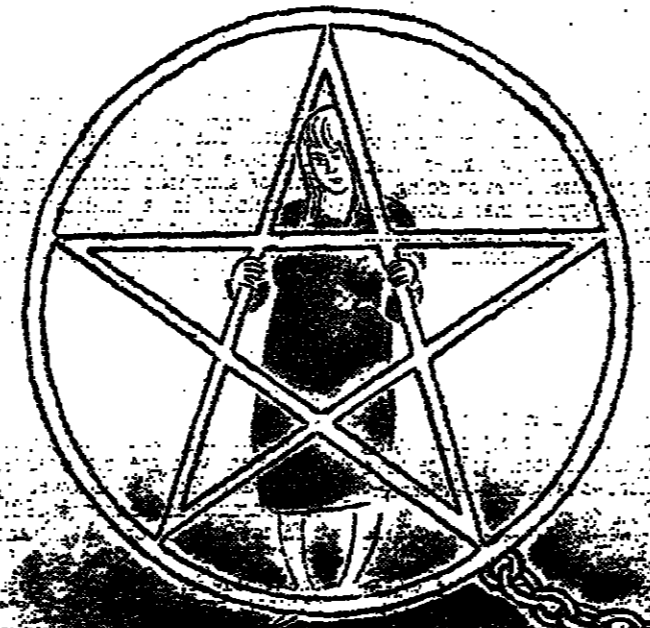
of Hondas at Longbridge and Cowley was under study. At the end of this year, when he presents the latest five-year corporate plan, he will ask the government for a final tranche of funding...

David Watt A gross lack of leadership

The defence debate at the Liberal assembly was one of the most depressing discussions I have heard for many years. The outcome was an act of attempted political suicide...

be smashed if the assembly was self-indulgent enough to pass the anti-nuclear amendment. How is one to account for this spinelessness? Why were the issues never taken head-on?

Bernard Levin Prisoners who serve no purpose



Paula Young

two million but there are no Jewish schools anywhere, no Jewish education, and no teaching of Yiddish (the official language of the Soviet Jewish minority) except in the fraudulent "homeland" of Birobidzhan...

matter, Jewish players from those nations are not permitted to perform in the Soviet Union, though they have been allowed to do so in the West. Some amateur groups are tolerated, but unofficial theatrical activities are not...

moreover... Miles Kington

Furious old fogeys

"Think John Osborne will turn up?" said a voice. "Who cares if he does," said another. "I can't stand his stuff these days."

It was extraordinary, when you come to think of it. The idea that there was any Angry Young Man movement has now been totally discredited - even Colin Wilson says he wasn't in a bad mood in the Fifties...

Now a Provo plan to take to the seats

Dublin The letters column in a newspaper carrying reports of "war news" and from page pictures of masked men captioned "IRA isolates the enemy" is hardly required reading for the Irish political establishment...

successes would probably be at his own party's expense. In the 1981 general election two hunger strikers won seats and cost him victory.

that a long war of attrition would be needed to break the British will to remain in the North and that "volunteers" are becoming increasingly sceptical of the claim that "one more push" would finally bring success.

The political strategists are confident of their cause, but they have to assuage the fears of the more militaristic elements that political involvement automatically brings a decline in the emphasis on armed struggle.

For Provisional Sinn Fein (PSF) may soon break one of its articles of faith: a refusal to take seats in the "partitionist" Dail.

In the past three years, however, Gerry Adams and his young lieutenants in the North have tried to persuade their supporters of the need to abandon abstentionism while trying to avoid a schism.

Richard McAuley, one of the Northern PSF leaders, said: "We are relevant in the six counties but in the 26 counties we are viewed in much the same way as the Looney Left in Britain. We are not going to become relevant if people think we are not going to represent them in a constructive, positive way."

Until the decision, officials of the other parties will read their Republican News with ever greater foreboding.

The message was quite clear: anger cannot survive success. It can only thrive on failure. Therefore the only Angry Young Man worthy of the name are the ones we have never heard of.

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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

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BET wins control

BET, the industrial services group, yesterday won its £109 million contested bid for HAT, the printing group...

Wimpey up

George Wimpey's turnover dipped from £657 million to £634 million in the first half of this year...

Tootal ahead

Tootal, the textiles group, raised taxable profits in the six months ending July 31 to £10.1 million from £9.7 million...

RMC rises

RMC Group, the building materials producer, reported a 30 per cent increase in pretax profits to £32.1 million for the six months to June 30...

Shares halted

After share price movements, Property Trust directors yesterday asked the Stock Exchange to suspend dealings pending a circular to shareholders about a number of conditional acquisitions and other proposals.

Williams wins

The offer on behalf of Williams Holdings for London and Midland Industrials has been declared fully unconditional. Acceptances have been received for 61.65 per cent.

Team view

Courtauld's has formed a team to examine performance and long-term growth. The members are Sir Christopher Hogg, chairman, Mr Mike Woodhouse, Mr Allan Nightingale, Mr Eryl Morris and Mr Sipko Huismans.

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MARKET SUMMARY

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Norton Opax bids £28m more for McCorquodale

Just 24 hours after receiving Monopolies Commission approval, Norton Opax, the printing group, yesterday made a new and final bid for rival specialist printer, McCorquodale. The latest terms - a one-for-two share swap - value McCorquodale at £138.5 million, a substantial increase on the £110 million offered last time...



Shake-up at Rover

Harold Masgrove, above, chairman and chief executive of Austin-Rover, was the main casualty in Rover management changes announced yesterday. He retires after 40 years with the group...



Canon may set up base in Britain

Canon, the Japanese photocopier manufacturer, may set up a software research and development base in Britain as part of its expansion programme in Europe. Mr Yasuyuki Matsuda, a director of Canon (UK), said yesterday that talks were being held about the possibility of establishing a research base, perhaps as a joint venture with a British university...

SEC ready to shorten leash on computer trading

A big review of the role of computers in Wall Street is being carried out after complaints from many traders that they are at the root of the violent price swings that have become almost commonplace this year. The Securities and Exchange Commission says that it is considering new regulations to curb the growth of 'program trading' by which computers are preset to issue buy or sell orders on huge amounts of stocks without human intervention or ratification...

Funeral company for USM

Death is becoming big business for the stock market. Great Southern Group, one of the country's leading suppliers of funeral services, is coming to the Unlisted Securities Market with a value of £13.1 million. This makes it the third quoted funeral directors after Kenyon Securities and Hodgeson Holdings...

£1.2m loss at poster company

London and Continental Advertising Holdings, the poster hoarding group, slumped to a £1.2 million pretax loss in the first half of this year, after gearing up for an improvement in the poster business which failed to arrive. The company, which made profits of £1.4 million in the same period last year, had expected an improvement in the second half...

Profits surprise from United Newspapers

United Newspapers, the diversified publishing group which acquired Fleet Holdings for £317 million last October, surprised the City yesterday by announcing pretax profits of £22.5 million for the first half of 1986. The figures, which compared with £19.3 million last year when United held only a minority stake in Fleet, were at the top end of expectations and boosted United shares by 25p to 370p, recouping recent losses...

Glimmer of hope from the Bank

The Bank of England in its latest Quarterly Bulletin gives a cautiously optimistic view of the outlook for the world economy. It is closer to the views of the German Bundesbank which believes that world growth is now returning than that of the United States administration which wants to see lower interest rates. The Bank says that monetary conditions are difficult to interpret. Although the broader definitions of the money supply have grown faster than the target rates and sterling has been under pressure, narrowly defined money has grown only slowly and interest rates remain high. On balance it believes that there seems to be little scope for 'unilateral relaxation'...

Combined English pays £19m

Combined English Stores, the Salford-based group, snatched another chunk of the high street jewellery business yesterday when it paid £19 million for 107 shops belonging to the Time Products group, trading under the names of J. Weir, Harris, McGowan, and Montague. CES has only just paid £26 million for Zales Jewellers and is now second in size only to the Ratners-H.Samuel chain. Time Products says it was this deal which made it decide to pull out of the high street. Chief executive Marcus Margulies says Time Products would have been forced to expand aggressively. Instead, it intends to concentrate on its watch manufacturing and distribution business. Both companies yesterday unveiled half time figures. Time Products reported profit before tax of £1.3 million compared with £728,000. CES announced that pre-tax profits were up from £3.4 million to £4.9 million.

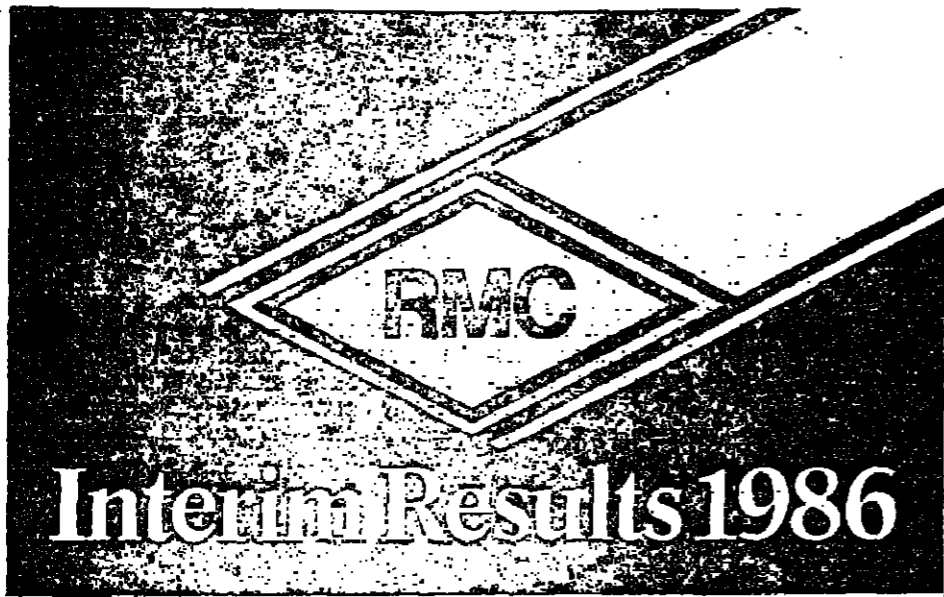
Threat to loan rates as pound slides further

Fears that interest rates may have to rise resurfaced yesterday as the pound continued its steady decline against most currencies, hitting a record low on the sterling trade-weighted index despite renewed support from the Bank of England. Meanwhile, stock markets in London and New York dropped sharply as economic uncertainty built up in advance of the Group of Five meeting in Washington today. Sterling weakened against most currencies, but its largest falls were against the dollar and the mark. There were growing expectations that interest rates would have to rise to prevent a sudden collapse in the currency. A rise in interest rates at this stage would be politically embarrassing to the Government ahead of the huge British Gas share flotation in November. Traders believe the Bank of England intervened to support the pound at lunchtime, but to little effect, and sterling's decline accelerated. After an opening of about \$1.465 in London, the pound sank by 1.2 cents against the dollar to finish at 1.4340. Against the mark it dropped three pfennigs from DM2.9680 to close at DM2.9370. Other currencies also advanced against the pound, leaving the sterling trade-weighted index down seven points from 69.4 to 68.7. The mark remained steady against most international currencies after the Bundesbank's decision at its fortnightly meeting yesterday not to alter its credit policy, although it weakened slightly against the dollar. At the same time, a combination of factors helped to push down share prices in London and New York. Mr Tim Brown, of the stockbroker Phillips & Drew, said: "The market is nervous, but we are not seeing a panic. The fall was mainly due to a lack of buyers rather than a wave of selling." The FT-30 share index dropped 18.5 points to close at 1,246.1. The London stock market opened steady after a firm close in New York on Wednesday, but the downward momentum gathered pace as New York opened sharply weaker yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average fell by nearly 40 points to 1,765.04. Some traders blamed the fall on programme selling by big investors. "That is the only way to interpret this kind of volatility," said one. But there was also less hope of further discount rate cuts following the Bundesbank's decision not to alter German interest rates. The fall follows three days of steady increases fuelled by hopes of a discount rate cut. Uncertainty over the strength of US economic growth also helped to depress the market.

Group of Five exchange rate agreement likely

The Group of Five finance ministers and central bankers, meeting in Washington today, are expected to agree on a framework for preserving exchange rates around present levels. The five - the United States, Britain, Germany, Japan and France - will strive for closer co-ordination of economic policy through the use of indicators of economic performance. They may also - with the agreement of Canada and Italy which, with the five, make up the new Group of Seven - signal a willingness to maintain currency levels by concerted intervention. The Group of Five meeting, which comes after public wrangles between the US and Germany over interest rates, will discuss the work of officials on key indicators of economic performance. At the May world economic summit in Tokyo it was agreed to examine a range of ten indicators, including inflation, growth, the balance of payments, money supply and government deficits, with a view to co-ordinating policy on the basis of the performance of these indicators. The difficulty with this approach, if it is given the go-ahead today, is that it will start from a position of marked world economic imbalances, notably the trade and budget deficits in the US and the large trade surpluses of Japan and Germany. The European members of the Group of Five will be putting pressure on the Americans to take further action on the budget deficit, and to shift the focus away from competitive interest rate reductions. The participants are also likely to press for dollar depreciation against newly industrialized countries such as Taiwan and South Korea.

FRAMLINGTON GROWTH RATES. The average annual compound rate of growth in the price of units (on an offer-to-bid basis) of each of our capital growth funds between launch and 1st September 1986 was as follows: Fund Capital, International Growth, American & General, American Turnaround, Recovery, Japan & General, European. Launched Jan 69, Oct 76, Apr 78, Oct 79, Apr 82, Feb 84, Feb 86. Growth +15.5% p.a., +26.2% p.a., +19.9% p.a., +23.9% p.a., +25.7% p.a., +25.8% p.a., +55.9% p.a.



Financial Highlights

| | 6 months to 30.6.86 £m | 6 months to 30.6.85 £m | Year to 31.12.85 £m |
|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Turnover | 637.4 | 601.8 | 1363.8 |
| Operating Profit | | | |
| United Kingdom | 23.7 | 20.9 | 56.0 |
| West Germany | 1.7 | 0.4 | 12.1 |
| Other countries | 11.8 | 9.9 | 22.6 |
| | 37.2 | 31.2 | 90.7 |
| Profit before taxation | 35.1 | 25.4 | 79.7 |
| Earnings per share | 19.9p | 14.7p | 45.3p |

Dividend The Directors have decided to declare an interim dividend of 5.0p per share (1985 4.6p per share) payable on 1 December 1986 to shareholders on the Register at the close of business on 31 October 1986.

RMC Group plc

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Hotels 'face chaos over tax changes'

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Britain's hotels, many with earnings under pressure from the scarcity of American tourists this year, face two tax changes in November which could also hit profits.

One change, in the way value-added tax rules are applied to conferences and exhibitions, is causing confusion among hoteliers. The British Hotels Restaurants and Caterers Association is telling its members to consider taking professional advice.

It fears "considerable chaos" as the change in rules approaches, because many hoteliers may not realize the implications of the changes. When they do there is likely to be an increased pressure for the November 1 start date to be postponed until next year.

Where conferences and exhibitions are held in purpose-built centres, offering no bedroom accommodation, the situation is comparatively straightforward with the main facilities, except for meals, being exempted from VAT.

But hotels with conference and exhibition facilities have stayed within the VAT system, enabling them to pass on to customers a proportion of VAT charges.

Many hotels will lose the advantages of being wholly within the VAT system, making them partially exempt businesses, but with the detail often differing in individual cases.

Another change facing hotels is the removal of a concession which meant block bookings by holiday tour operators have been treated as long-term rentals which do not attract VAT.

From November, VAT will be levied on these

Honeywell in computer link talks

By Lawrence Lever

Minneapolis (Reuters) - Honeywell, the United States computer company, is holding talks with two foreign companies about combining their computer businesses.

The discussions - there had been considerable speculation that they were taking place - involve Groupe Bull of France and NEC of Japan, companies with which Honeywell has been closely associated.

The announcement came after several sharp one-day gains in Honeywell's stock after analysts predicted a major restructuring. Honeywell was up \$1 1/4 to \$73 in active morning trading yesterday. Honeywell said the restructuring would allow it to concentrate on its more profitable operations - automation and control equipment and aerospace and defence contracts.

Tax relief delays hit BES deals

By Lawrence Lever

Delays by the Inland Revenue in briefing local tax inspectors over the new rules for the Business Expansion Scheme are blocking companies seeking to raise money under the scheme and denying investors tax relief.

The delays are likely to cause considerable disquiet within the Treasury since Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, deliberately highlighted the BES in his Budget speech and is an ardent public supporter of the scheme.

The BES allows investors tax relief on their investments in a broad range of unquoted companies. The scheme was substantially revised in this year's Finance Act.

Mr John Dodwell, the managing director of Chancery Corporate Services, an established sponsor of BES companies, said yesterday that the Inland Revenue is currently denying tax relief to shareholders in one of his BES issues who invested after the budget when the new regime was announced.

In addition, a number of accountancy firms claim that the local inspectorate is refusing to grant provisional BES approval to companies seeking to raise money under the scheme in all but the most clear cut cases.

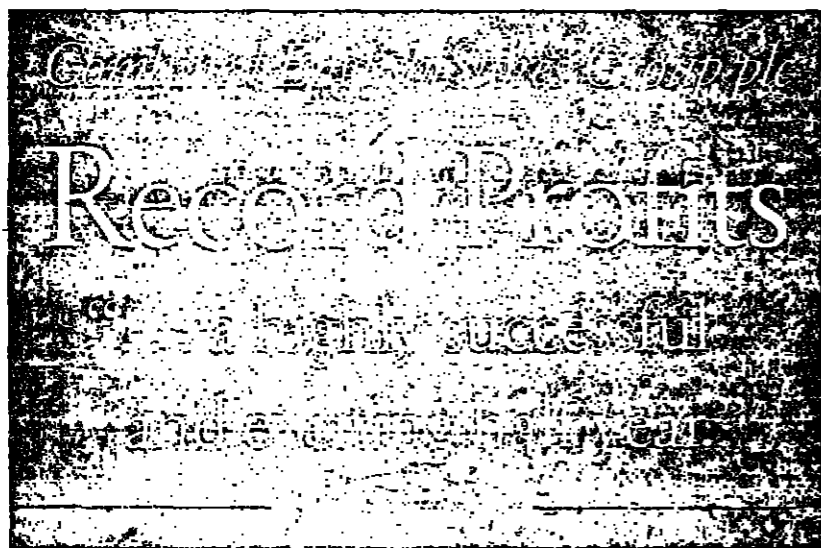
In both situations the delays are caused because the local inspectors are refusing to take decisions until they have received new guidance notes on the BES from the technical division of the Inland Revenue.

A spokesman for the Inland Revenue confirmed yesterday that the guidelines had not been sent.

COMPANY NEWS

- **CENTRAL INDEPENDENT TELEVISION:** Half-year to June 30. Interim dividend increased to 4p (2.5p) to reduce the disparity between payments. It will be paid on Nov. 7. Turnover £85.77 million (£72.79 million). Pretax profit £5.31 million (£2.56 million). Earnings per share 13p (5.7p).
- **W & R JACOB:** Interim dividend 2.3p (2p) for the 28 weeks to July 11. Pretax profit £2834,000 (£271,000), against £2815,000 (£270,000). Turnover £27.05 million (£27.42 million). Earnings per share (adjusted for rights issue) 8.3p (2.9p). The board expects good profits growth in the current year.
- **EUCALYPTUS PULP MILLS:** Half-year to June 30. Turnover £14.49 million (£13.52 million). Pretax profit £1.92 million (£2.32 million). Earnings per share 46.3p (48.1p).
- **BENTALLS:** Half-year to Aug. 2. Interim dividend 0.44p (0.4p). Turnover (excluding VAT) £29.05 million (£27.8 million). Pretax profit £722,000 (£813,000). Earnings per share 1.11p (1.21p).
- **ALEXANDERS HOLDINGS:** Terms have been agreed with Murray International Holdings (which with associates now holds 8.2 per cent of the ordinary capital) for the disposal of a property in Edinburgh. The sale price is £950,000, payable next March. This will result in a surplus of £200,000 over book value.
- **ABERDEEN CONSTRUCTION:** Interim dividend 2.4p (2.3p) for the half-year to June 30, payable on Nov. 21. Turnover £47.78 million (£47.58 million). Pretax profit £1.64 million (£1.44 million). Earnings per share 6.24p (5.10p).
- **NOBLE AND LUND:** Pretax profit for the first half of 1986 £344,000 (£48,000 loss). Turnover £5.19 million (£4.64 million). Interim dividend held at 0.35p. Earnings per share basic 4.46p (0.75p loss) and fully diluted 3.56p (0.75p loss).
- **WHATMAN REEVE ANGEL:** Interim dividend 1p - a 21.95 per cent increase. Turnover for the first half of 1986 £16.94 million (£16.99 million). Pretax profit £3.1 million (£2.66 million). Earnings per share 8.33p (6.51p).
- **MAL:** Year to June 30. Total dividend 17.5p (16p). Turnover £222.05 million (£171.57 million). Pretax profit £40.03 million (£27.44 million). Earnings per share 48.1p (41.6p). The buoyant conditions of the second half of last year have continued into the current year, the board declares. All divisions are enjoying active markets and good demand.
- **SANDHURST MARKET:** Six months to July 31. Interim dividend unchanged at 3.89 per cent. Turnover £15.89 million (£14.04 million). Pretax profit £601,000 (£610,000). Earnings per share 1.28p (1.28p) and diluted 1.35p (1.35p).
- **FERRY PICKERING GROUP:** Total dividend for the year to June 30 raised to 3.5p (2.72p, adjusted). Turnover £12.58 million (£11.63 million). Pretax profit £2.09 million (£1.6 million). Earnings per share 10.79p (8.05p, adjusted).
- **HIGHCROFT INVESTMENT TRUST:** Interim dividend raised to 1p (0.9p), payable on Nov. 7. Pretax profit £246,387 (£181,083) for the six months to June 30. Earnings per share 2.97p (2.07p).
- **DOWDING & MILLS:** Total dividend for the year to June 30 raised to 1.58p (1.4p). Turnover £28.39 million (£25 million). Pretax profit £4.13 million (£3.51 million). Earnings per share 3.86p (3.15p). The board is confident that earnings will again improve in the current year.
- **CORTON BEACH:** Pretax profits jumped by 108 per cent to £302,190 in the 26 weeks to Aug. 2. Turnover reached £7.63 million - up 97 per cent. Earnings per share increased by 64 per cent to 1.12p. The company aims to return to the dividend list and a final for the current is expected.
- **F & C PACIFIC INVESTMENT TRUST:** Half-year to July 31. Interim dividend 0.6p (same). Total revenue £1.95 million (£1.71 million). Earnings per share 1.14p (1.42p).
- **GIBBON LYONS GROUP:** Agreement has been reached for the acquisition of Eden Colours. The founder-members of Eden are remaining with the company, which will continue to supply printers in Kent, Sussex and south London with its Europa series of process inks and specialist colours.
- **ASSET TRUST:** First half of 1986. Interim payment 1p (0.75p), payable on Nov. 17. Turnover £698,092. Pretax profit £518,797. No comparative figures have been shown as the company has changed its status from an authorized investment trust to a fund management business. The company now manages £140 million of funds for private clients and institutions.
- **ASTBURY & MADELEY:** First half of 1986. Interim dividend 1.25p (1.125p), payable on Nov. 28. Turnover £13.39 million (£12.52 million). Pretax profit £1 million (£891,000). Earnings per share 6.77p (5.63p).
- **RAMAR TEXTILES:** Dividend raised to 1.75p (1.65p) for the year to May 30. It will be paid on Jan. 8. Turnover £24.55 million (£21.02 million). Pretax profit £934,000 (£750,000). Earnings per share: basic 4.75p (5.29p) and fully diluted 3.71p (4.14p).

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OUR MAIN objectives in recent years, those of improved competitiveness coupled with a programme of investments in new products, have combined to produce another set of excellent figures

DAVID DONNE CHAIRMAN

| | 1986 | 1985 | INCREASE |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| HALF YEAR TO 30TH JUNE | | | |
| PROFITS BEFORE TAXATION | £18.811m | £16.099m | +17% |
| EARNINGS PER SHARE | 18.88p | 16.65p | +21% |



STETLEY PLC GATEFORD HILL, WORSOP, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE S81 8AT

Interim Highlights
28 weeks ended 2 August 1986

| Unaudited | 1986 | 1985 | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------|--------|--------|
| Profit before tax | | | |
| before deducting the share of losses of the Group's associates | +59 | £5.47m | £3.45m |
| after deducting the Group's share | +43 | £4.93m | £3.45m |
| Earnings | | | |
| per Ordinary share | +34 | 4.98p | 3.71p |
| Dividend | | | |
| per Ordinary share | +22 | 3.6p | 2.45p |

With the addition of the Department of Health's new chains, acquired since the year end, the Group now operates 5 major retailing divisions in the UK, France, West Germany and Spain.

- Schönberg Handbags
- Collingwood and Zales Jewellers
- Allens Chemists
- Biba Fashion Group (West Germany)
- Priggi Fashion Group

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Share prices in 22-point fall as nervous investors sell

By Carol Leonard

The stock market took another nosedive yesterday with traders looking in vain to the Bank of England and the foreign exchange markets for some form of lead.

As sterling weakened still further, despite heavy intervention by the Bank of England, gilts lost about £1 across the medium and long-dated stocks and 2½ in the shorts.

Equity traders were left wondering which way to turn.

Mr Terry Ramsden, the financier, has now sold his stake in Pearson - believed to be about 4 per cent - and says he has no longer any interest. "There is talk that he has sold the holding to interested parties in the Far East - who include Mr Li Ka-shing, the chairman of Hutchison Whampoa and Sir Y K Pao, the Hong Kong shipping magnate.

next. One experienced market man commented: "I've been in this game for a long time and I've never under stood it less."

The FT 30 share index began the day down 5.8 and finished at its lowest point, 22.2 points down at 1,242.3.

The FT-SE 100 share index showed an even bleaker picture, tumbling by 27.5 points to 1,575.9.

Datastream, which operates a 1,000-share index, said it had fallen by 13.48 points to 874.11 by 5 pm - wiping £4.5 billion off the value of stocks.

Among leading blue chips, Royal Insurance was hit hardest, dropping 25p to 79.2p, with jobbers aware that the 500,000 shares bought by Goldman Sachs as part of the Philip Hill Investments Trust

package were still overhanging the market.

American favourite, Glaxo tumbled a further 22p to 930p. ICI fell 15p to 1,077p, GKN was down 10p at 254p and so was Blue Circle at 551p, despite talk that AJ Bekhor, the broker, was in the market, buying on behalf of an Australian client.

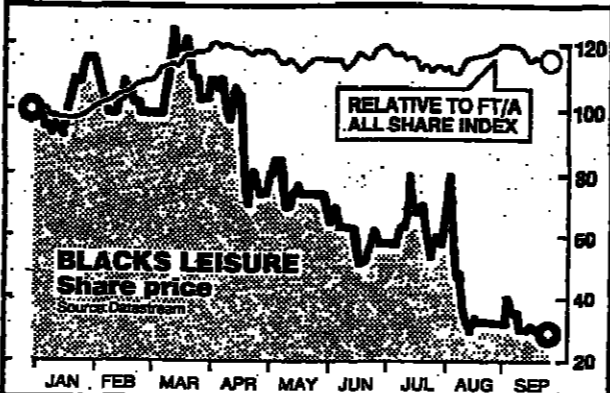
Even the market new comer, TSB, eased a shade in the unofficial "grey" market.

Cleveland Securities, a licensed dealer, was last night quoting the partly-paid 50p shares at 90p, while Prior Harwin priced them at 91p.

The rest of the banking sector was mixed, with Bank of Scotland putting on 12p to 449p, while the other clearers went lower. Barclays dipped 8p to 479p, National Westminster 5p to 539p and both Lloyds and Midland eased 3p, to 439p and 564p respectively.

Blacks Leisure, the camping goods retailer where Sears has 10 days to go before the close of its £3.3-million takeover bid, is, I hear, drawing up plans for survival on its own should the Sears bid fail.

The talk is that its directors are planning a £2.5 million rights issue as part of a financial restructuring package and are lining up a number of deals to



inject fresh life into the business.

Their plans may even incorporate the business run by Mr Phil Edmonds, the England cricketer, who also tried to buy Blacks.

Blacks' shareholders, who now have little to lose, could well be advised to sit tight. Blacks' shares were up 4p at a rock bottom 4p, while Sears eased a couple of pence to 111.5p.

Good results from RMC failed to lift the shares, which closed 2p lower at 630p. Rival Rugby Portland Cement was 10p lower at 156.5p.

Users of cement should be helped in the weeks to come by cheap cement imports from Greece. Mr Nabil Bourji, chairman of Seacem, which began selling cement at a 10 per cent discount to British cement prices last week tells me he has

building sector, HAT Group, which failed in its attempts to get away from BET, firmed a couple of pence to 137p. BET lost 3p to 88.5p.

Shares in Pentland Industries firmed by 20p to 450p after a bullish forecast by Reebok International, its 37 per cent-owned US athletic shoe-making associate. In the first half of 1986, Pentland earned some 85 per cent of its pretax profits from Reebok, whose products adorn the feet of thousands of American "yuppies."

It is predicting that earnings per share will top analysts' estimates of \$2.30. 2.30 this year and should then grow by 25 per cent a year until 1989 when annual sales

so far sold a couple of hundred tonnes.

He is selling it a £39.75 a tonne, against British prices of £43 a tonne. It must also be bad news for cement producers like Blue Circle which controls more than 50 per cent of the British market.

The depressed mood of the market caught even Barratt Developments, which did so well the previous day on its results. The shares came back 2p to 158p. There is talk that Wimpey has already made a bid approach to the company at 210p a share, but that it has been turned down by Sir Lawrence Barratt, who wants more money.

The story might explain talk of a rights issue with yesterday's Wimpey results - which failed to materialize. Wimpey ended the day down 7p at 201p. Elsewhere in the

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet Rover harks back to BL's tales of woe

Since Graham Day took over at what is now Rover five months ago, the stock market valuation of the group has fallen from £1.7 billion to £1.2 billion. Some £170 million disappeared yesterday, when Rover announced a loss, after interest, of £119 million for the six months to June.

That compared with £43 million in the same period last year.

The core of the loss - £60 million at the operating level for Austin-Rover - had already been revealed. But interest charges are up by half and those losses do not include the once-and-for-all write-offs and restructuring costs of £84 million from selling Leyland Bus and Unipart.

The bottom-line loss is £205 million. That takes Rover back to the survival days of Mr Day's sometime predecessor, Sir Michael Edwardes.

The stock market valuation is artificial, extrapolated from dealings in the tiny fraction of shares in private hands. But it gives a fair view of the trend in Rover's fortunes.

Increased losses were not the only trip down memory lane. Once again, an incoming chairman has got rid of most of the senior managers. Messrs Ray Horrocks and David Andrews have already gone.

Harold Musgrove, the senior surviving manager, was the biggest domino to fall yesterday. But there was no influx of talent to suggest that newly-styled Rover will not repeat its age-old error - management too thin for the task.

Television contractors were a strong feature after Central Independent Television announced that its pretax profits had more than doubled to £5.3 million. Central gained 21p to 346p, while HTV firmed 17p in sympathy to 340p.

Others to show gains included LWT and TVS, each 5p higher at 395p and 240p respectively.

United Newspapers, where Mr David Stevens is chairman, jumped 25p to 370p after producing results at the end of City expectations.

Stores had another bad day, on expectations of an interest rate rise with John Menzies, the newsgate, 7p lower at 243p. Marks and Spencer, down 5p at 192p, Storehouse 3p down at 310p, W H Smith 6p down at 268p and Ratsners 3p down at 213p.

Life insurance companies tumbled even further with Pearl Assurance 30p off at 1,448p, the Prudential Corporation 18p lower at 804p, Britannic 13p down at 804p and Legal and General 8p lower at 228p. Composite insurers were similarly affected. General Accident slid a full 20p to 799p, Guardian Royal 12p to 772p and Commercial Union 4p to 275p.

Siebe continued to suffer from the effects of its massive rights issue earlier in the week and fell a further 15p to 755p.

Wellcome, after firming a penny early on, slid 4p to 195p on profit-taking after the encouraging news about its anti-AIDS drug. Other drug companies were also lower.

The truck business is certainly improving at home and really ought to do better after the departure of GM's Bedford. Its problems abroad, chiefly the collapse of old Empire markets in the developing world, are more intractable and were, indeed, the final straw for Bedford.

Freight Rover is now being associated with Leyland Vehicles. Had it not previously been part of Land Rover, the GM deal might have stood

a slightly better chance.

The car business, as ever it seems, rests again on the success of the latest wonder model - the Rover 800. It has a strategy through the link with Honda, but is unlikely to fare permanently better until uncertainty is laid one way or the other. The latest news is an uncomfortable echo of the past.

Saatchi's image slips

Saatchi & Saatchi, the men who work wonders with other people's images, seem to be having a good deal of trouble with their own. From a high point of 990p, the Saatchi share price has slithered and slipped through the summer to reach a low of 605p.

For a company accustomed to seeing its stock trade on a classy earnings multiple of 20 or more this is a humbling experience. If the forecasts for 1987 are right Saatchi shares are changing hands at little more than 10 times profits.

Unfortunately, the string of damaging news which has undermined the group lately is long. In New York yesterday, analysts were talking gloomily of another \$35 million to \$40 million of billings which may soon be lost because of conflicts of interest within the group. The problem arises over the billings of Quaker, handled by a Saatchi subsidiary, and General Mills, part of whose business is with Ted Bates, the company at the heart of Saatchi's troubles.

The City swallowed hard when Saatchi made a £400 million rights issue during the summer. The cash was forthcoming despite the scale of the issue. The advertising industry expected Saatchi to go for a major consultancy to broaden its base of operations. Three weeks later the target was revealed as none other than Ted Bates. To less than total enthusiasm, the world's largest advertising agency was born.

Within a matter of weeks, the troubles began. Saatchi lost major accounts like Nabisco, Warner Lambert and Colgate-Palmolive. The last billings racked up to hundreds of millions of dollars. Some losses were expected as there were bound to be conflicts in a merger that brought under one roof accounts of companies in competition with each other. Rival agencies could hardly believe their good fortune. Saatchi's ambition seems to have been greater than its judgement. The departure this week of Robert Jacoby, Bates's chairman and chief executive, brought the shares to their low point.

There is an air of resignation at the Saatchi headquarters at what is seen as a self-feeding irrational market movement. Net losses so far amount to less than \$100 million of billings from a group total of \$7½ billion. Saatchi accepts that the way to steady the nerves of a jittery City is to perform. Amen to that.

RECENT ISSUES

Table listing recent issues of various companies including Hughes Food, Local Lon Co, M8 Cash & C, etc.

RIGHTS ISSUES

Table listing rights issues for companies like Barclays Tech F/P, Boots N/P, etc.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table showing London financial futures for three-month sterling, three-month Eurodollar, and US Treasury Bond.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Table showing foreign exchange rates for various currencies including New York, Montreal, Brussels, etc.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

Table listing traditional options for various companies like Allied Lyons, BP, etc.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Table listing other sterling rates for countries like Argentina, Australia, etc.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Table listing dollar spot rates for various countries like Canada, France, etc.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Large table listing London traded options for various companies like Allied Lyons, BP, etc.

MONEY MARKET AND GOLD

Table showing money market and gold prices, including Euro money deposits and gold prices.

CENTRAL INDEPENDENT TELEVISION PLC Interim Results for the six months ended 30 June 1986. Includes financial statements and a Base Lending Rates table.

Table of stock market data including various indices and company shares.

WALL STREET Dow falls sharply in early trade

New York (Reuters) - Wall Street share prices dropped sharply in early trading yesterday, ending the rally that began on Monday.

Nigerian windfall for British companies

A number of UK companies, led by British Caledonian, could find themselves millions of pounds better off as the result of an important relaxation of foreign exchange controls by Nigeria.

Blow for rival OTC market

Plans for a group of licensed dealers to set up an over-the-counter exchange to rival the Stock Exchange Third Market have been heavily revised because the company owning the market-making systems the OTC dealers planned to use has ceased trading.

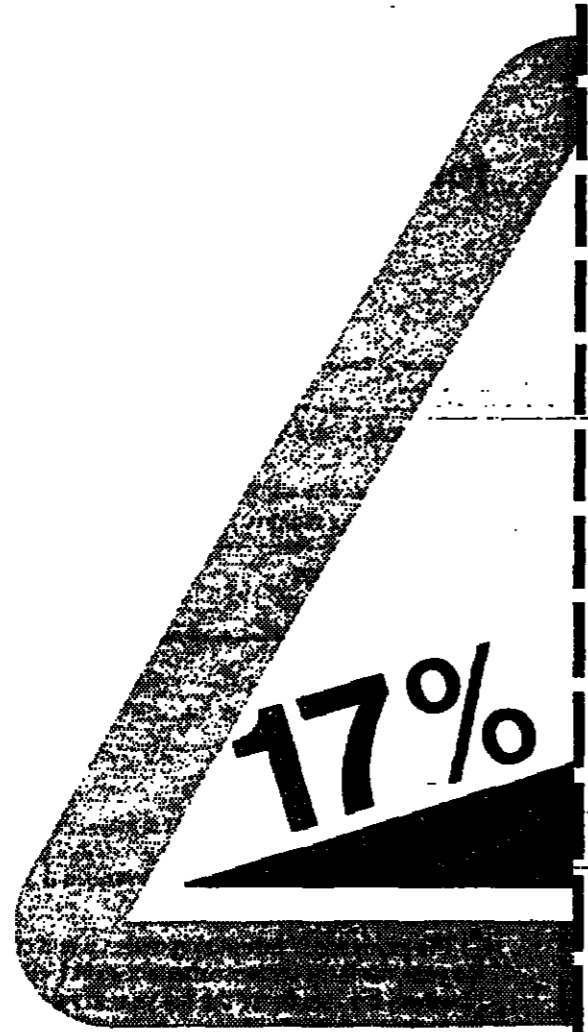
TEMPUS Wimpey may still have to settle for solid silver

Mr Cliff Chetwood, chairman and chief executive of George Wimpey must have the words "there will be no loss-making contracts" engraved upon his heart. He takes a personal interest in ensuring that this maxim is closely followed. The objective is to improve the return earned on what amounts to nearly half of group turnover.



OPERATING PROFITS UP

Wimpey half-year results.



DIVIDENDS UP

All the signs are there for the second half. WIMPEY

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Superdrug HALF YEAR REPORT 26 weeks to 30th August 1986 (unaudited). Table with financial data and a list of key achievements.

Superdrug set for record profits

Superdrug Stores, the retail chemist company which made a dazzling stock market debut in February, 1983, has reported interim pretax profits 11.2 per cent higher at £5.2 million on sales 24.6 per cent higher.

The company said that comparisons with the previous first half were difficult to make because of the introduction of the northern warehouse operation. It was confident of record sales and profits in the full year.

The increase in turnover was achieved with nil price inflation. New stores contributed 15.3 per cent growth and existing stores 9.1 per cent.

The company has opened 20 stores since March, and it will have 300 by the end of the year.

The dividend is raised to 2.3p from 2p.

In brief

SCOTTISH, ENGLISH AND EUROPEAN TEXTILES: Mr J Mackenzie, the chairman, told the annual meeting that management accounts for the first four months of the current year showed a downturn in turnover and profitability compared with the similar period last year.

SCOTT & ROBERTSON: First half of 1986. Interim dividend 1p (0.9p), payable on Dec. 1. Turnover £10.81 million (£9.81 million). Pretax profit £253,000 (£402,000). Earnings per share adjusted, 7.21p (3.27p). The second-half's results will not reflect an increase comparable to the first, but the board is confident that the outcome for 1986 should be better than 1985 by a significant margin.

SINTRON: Interim dividend held at 0.75p, payable on Nov. 14, for the six months to June 30. Turnover £8 million (£7.95 million). Pretax profit £589,000 (£717,000). Earnings per share 4.2p (5.0p).

READYMIX: Six months to June 30. Pretax profit £255,000 (£51,000), against a loss of £123,000 last time. Turnover £17.72 million (£18.49 million). Earnings per share 0.14p (loss 0.32p).

ANGLO-EASTERN PLANTATIONS: Six months to June 30. Turnover £724,000 (£303,000). Pretax profit £28,000 (£30,000).

DOWDING & MILLS: The company has agreed to buy Electric Motor Services, a private company in Ashford, Kent, for £350,000 in cash.

SPACE PLANNING SERVICES: Year to June 30. No dividend. Turnover £2 million (£1.48 million). Pretax profit £440,790 (£286,497). Earnings per share 5.95p (3.69p).

COMPANY NEWS

MURRAY VENTURES: Total dividend raised to 8.5p (5.5p) for the year to July 31. Proposed one-for-one scrip issue. The board expects to recommend dividends for the current year of not less than 10p - equivalent to not less than 5p following the proposed scrip. Pretax revenue £1.33 million (£983,000). Earnings per share 8.78p (6.10p).

TITAGHUR JUTE FACTORY: No dividend (same) for the year to June 30. Turnover £45.85 million (£30.13 million). Net loss £12.53 million (£4.78 million). Loss per ordinary stock unit 88.10p (337.15p).

SPECTRA AUTOMOTIVE AND ENGINEERING PRODUCTS: Half-year to July 31. Interim dividend 0.9p (0.82p), payable on Nov. 11. Turnover £3.08 million (£2.63 million). Pretax profit £197,000 (£215,000). Earnings per share 2.23p (2.10p).

HIBERNIAN GROUP: Half-year to June 30. No interim dividend as stated in the listing particulars. Pretax profit £763,000 (£702,000), against a loss of £164.04 million. Premium income £154.66 million (£149.31 million). Earnings per share 0.94p (5.49p loss).

JOHNSEN & JORGENSEN PACKAGING: Half-year to June 30. Interim dividend raised to 1.35p (1.25p), payable on Oct. 31. Turnover £7.03 million (£6.74 million). Pretax profit £576,000 (£548,000). Earnings per share 4.66p (4.08p).

AGLAN PROPERTY TRUSTS: Year to March 31. Dividend 0.1p (0.085p), payable on Nov. 24. Net turnover £9.31 million (£9.47 million). Pretax profit £463,611 (£72,734). Earnings per share 0.32p (0.16p).

THE TIMES VENEER CO: No interim dividend (same) for the first half of 1986. Turnover (net of VAT) £3.42 million (£3.41 million). Pretax profit £71,815 (£10,938). Adjusted earnings per share 0.38p (0.66p).

DAVENPORT KNITWEAR: Turnover for the half-year to June 30 rose to £3.36 million (£2.74 million). Pretax profit £493,000 (£343,000). Earnings per share 17.67p (11.25p).

FREDERICKS PLACE HOLDINGS: Six months to June 30. Turnover £1.25 million (£932,000). Pretax profit £177,000 (£154,000). Earnings per share 1.94p (1.86p). The results are not strictly comparable because of changes in the composition of the group.

IMPERIAL GROUP: The group is to repay the following loan stocks: the 8 per cent, 1985/90, 6.9 per cent, 2004/09, 7.5 per cent, 2004/09 and the 10.5 per cent, 1990/95. The repayments, involving £118.4 million cash, are necessary to allow a restructuring before the sale of Courage to Elders DXL. Repayments will be at par, apart from the 10.5 per cent, which will be £108 for every £100 nominal.

REDLAND: A joint-venture company, Western-Mobile, is to be formed with Koppers Inc of the US. Redland will pay an estimated \$35 million (£24 million) for a 30 per cent shareholding. W-M will acquire the operations of MPM Inc and Western Paving Construction, which are mainly in the supply of construction aggregates and related services in the US. Arrangements are being made for the joint venture to raise \$60 million of long-term notes at a fixed rate of interest.

MACALLAN-GLENLIVET: Interim payment held at 1p, payable on Nov. 5. Turnover £3.18 million (£2.21 million) for the first half of 1986. Pretax profit £510,000 (£202,000). These results reflect an exceptional volume increase which will not be continued in the second half. But the full-year's results are still expected to show real progress.

JE ENGLAND & SONS: Mosspack (Potatoes), excluding certain operating assets, is to be sold to its management for £27,000 cash, subject to adjustment based on Mosspack's results from June 28 last to the date of completion of the buyout. The disposal will release England, of inter-company indebtedness of £658,796. England will then loan Mosspack £200,000, secured on its assets.

TENNISCO: The company is to make an agreed cash offer for Steiger Tractor. Terms: £3.50 for each share, totalling about \$15.4 million (£10.6 million). Steiger, which filed for protection on June 17 under the US Bankruptcy Code, makes large, four-wheel-drive agricultural tractors and tillage equipment.

ALLEN PLANT GROUPS: Turnover £7.33 million (£5.3 million) for the six months to June 30. Pretax profit £305,433 (£189,613). Earnings per share 1.10p (0.68p). Trevor Crocker & Partners results will be included under a merger accounting basis in the 1986 annual accounts. Comparisons have not been restated.

RAMCO OIL SERVICES: Six months to June 30 (comparisons adjusted). Pretax loss £607,000 (£101,000). Loss per share 2.9p (0.35p). The board reports that current trading indicates that Ramco will make a loss for the full year. No interim dividend and the board does not expect to pay a final.

JULIANA'S HOLDINGS: Interim payment for the first half of 1986 set at 0.75p (1.25p), payable on Nov. 27. Turnover £3.55 million (£3.93 million). Pretax profit £424,865 (£878,666). Earnings per share 0.84p (2.09p).

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS: Six months to June 30. Interim dividend doubled to 2p, partly to reduce the disparity between payments. The board intends to at least maintain the final at 3.2p. Total commissions and fee income £7.26 million (£3.18 million). Pretax profit £2.04 million (£760,000).

LAPORTE INDUSTRIES: The company is entering the Australian building products market through the acquisition of Sydney-based Davco Services for Aus\$4.2 million (£1.82 million), with an additional profit-related payment of Aus\$500,000 at the end of 1987. Davco had sales of Aus\$7.8 million for the year to June 30 last - more than double the figure of three years ago.

MCLAUGHLIN & HARVEY: Six months to June 30. Interim payment 2p (same). Turnover £23.52 million (£28.04 million). Pretax profit £314,000 (£704,000). Earnings per share 4.6p (11.9p). The board is confident that profits for the full year will be sufficient to justify maintaining the level of dividends.

BETEC: Interim dividend 0.65p (0.5p), payable on Nov. 14. Turnover £7.48 million (£7.32 million) for the six months to June 30. Pretax profit £560,000 (£476,000). Earnings per share - weighted average - undiluted, 4.23p (3.63p) and fully diluted, 3.00p (2.53p).

HAWTAY & WHITTING HOLDINGS: Six months to June 10, 1986, compared with the period Jan. 11 to June 30, 1985. Turnover £15.68 million (£11.75 million). Pretax profit £1,175,000 (£1,671,000). Earnings per share 18.5p (14.6p). The directors believe that the expanded computer-aided design facilities and the current level of design contracts will make a strong contribution towards profits during the second half.

HARVEY & THOMPSON: Interim dividend raised to 6p (4p) for the year to June 28. Turnover £3.25 million (£1.48 million). Pretax profit £850,000 (£445,000). Earnings per share 5.05p (8.50p). The current year has not yet started.

JONAS WOODHEAD & SONS: Management accounts for the five months to August show a pretax profit well in excess of the same period last year, the annual meeting was told. The board expects the half-year result to be "most favourable".

AMAGLAMATED FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS: Agreement has been reached for the issue to HDFI Ltd of 6 million new shares at 16.5p cash each, or a total of £990,000. Afterwards, HDFI, an Australian-based investment banking and financial group, will own 23.53 per cent of the enlarged capital.

JAMES WILKES: Interim dividend 3p (same) for the half-year to June 30. Turnover £5.2 million (£1.53 million). Pretax profit £230,663 (£514,835). Earnings per share 3.5p (7.3p). The board explains that this poor performance was entirely because of difficulties encountered by Deritend Engineering (1985).

TRAFFORD PARK ESTATES: Total dividend 12p (11.5p) for the year to June 30. Gross income £6.29 million (£6.13 million). Pretax profit £2.66 million (£2.66 million). Earnings per share 15.26p (16.14p).

Profit improvement achieved against a background of preparing for growth

"Profits before tax of £10.1m for the first six months to 31 July 1986, compared with £9.7m for the corresponding period last year. Earnings per share have increased by 8.7% to 3.5p from 3.22p last year."

"The growth strategy is based upon developing the Group as a worldwide marketing organisation, built upon excellent service and distribution skills to industrial users and retailers. The Group intends to use its highly developed international network to ensure its marketing organisation draws upon the most cost and quality efficient sources."

"A new management board is being appointed which will comprise Executive Directors of the Group Board, Chief Executives of the major business units and key central staff and will be chaired by Mr. Geoffrey Maddrell."

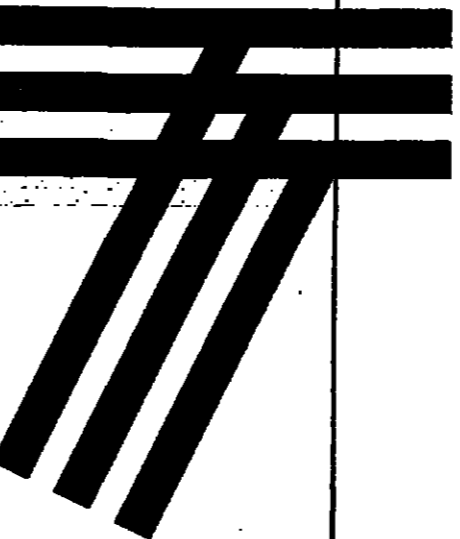
"No reason why we should not achieve a satisfactory improvement in full year earnings, thus justifying our ongoing commitment to a progressive dividend policy."

Alex Hayhoff
Chairman

| | 6 months to 31 July 1986 | 1985 | Year to 31 Jan 1986 |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| | £'000 | £'000 | £'000 |
| Sales | 189,520 | 191,415 | 388,040 |
| Profit on ordinary activities before tax | 10,123 | 9,687 | 27,385 |
| Earnings per share | 3-50p | 3-22p | 9-43p |
| Dividends per share | 1-6p | 1-5p | 4-0p |

The half years' figures are unaudited. The results for the year to 31 January 1986 are an abridged version of the full accounts which received an unqualified report by the auditors and have been filed with the Registrar of Companies.

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| 3 | Ellis & Ferard | Chemicals/Plas | |
| 4 | Aus Oil & Gas | Oil | |
| 5 | Bentley | Paper/Print/Adv | |
| 6 | Dowling & Mills | Electricals | |
| 7 | American | Chemicals/Plas | |
| 8 | Centex Bros | Chemicals/Plas | |
| 9 | Oxley | Newspaper/Pub | |
| 10 | Realty Useful | Leisure | |
| 11 | Guinness Pers | Banks, Discount | |
| 12 | Bowthorpe | Electricals | |
| 13 | Cambridge Elec | Electricals | |
| 14 | Ulster TV | Chemicals/Plas | |
| 15 | Country & New | Property | |
| 16 | Brest Chem | Chemicals/Plas | |
| 17 | Micro BS | Electricals | |
| 18 | Parnell Elect | Electricals | |
| 19 | Byson | Oil | |
| 20 | Beak Oil | Industrials L-R | |
| 21 | Tantal | Electricals | |
| 22 | Lon Park Hotels | Hotels/Casinos | |
| 23 | TVS N/V | Chemicals/Plas | |
| 24 | Perrard | Oil | |
| 25 | Nat Aust Bk | Banks/Discount | |
| 26 | Brownlie | Building/Roads | |
| 27 | Aus New Z | Banks/Discount | |
| 28 | Campani | Leisure | |
| 29 | Boony & Hawks | Leisure | |
| 30 | Regridge Brck | Building/Roads | |
| 31 | LWT Hides | Chemicals/Plas | |
| 32 | Chemicals TV | Chemicals/Plas | |
| 33 | Marco 4 | Electricals | |
| 34 | Glass Glover | Food | |
| 35 | Logan | Electricals | |
| 36 | Holstead (James) | Chemicals/Plas | |
| 37 | HAT | Building/Roads | |
| 38 | Linton | Property | |
| 39 | Seo TV | Chemicals/Plas | |
| 40 | Lilliehall | Industrials L-R | |
| 41 | Alwoods | Building/Roads | |
| 42 | Alfred Colloids | Chemicals/Plas | |
| 43 | Thames TV | Chemicals/Plas | |
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities in retreat

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HOTELS AND CATERERS

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YOUR OWN BUSINESS

A closer look at the small operator

By Teresa Poole

The Government has been taken to task for the lack of an adequate national database on small businesses. A wide-ranging assessment of small-business research, published yesterday by the Small Business Research Trust, says that the Government has "chopped away" at official debt collection on the small enterprise so that it has "descended from the barely adequate to the totally inadequate".

Marking the fifteenth anniversary of the Bolton Report on small firms, the study recommends an annual national sample survey. This would provide a national databank to support the independent research which is crucial for policy-makers.

It says: "A strong case can be made that the importance now attached to small-scale enterprise in Britain should mean that it is given much more favourable treatment in research funding."

More attention should also be given by researchers to the day-to-day activities of the enterprise and to service and non-manufacturing companies. And economists should be more concerned with detailed analysis of the role of the small firm in the wider economy.

Dr James Curran, author of the report, says: "Despite an enormous research input, an understanding of what makes the small business owner — and especially the successful small-business owner — psychologically unique remains elusive."

"Research reveals that small-business owners are sometimes not particularly effective managers — often they are especially weak in finance and marketing." They appear largely unaware of government efforts to help small business.



All in a co-operative day's work: greenhouse chores and wood-stripping

Their caring co-op

By Brian Collett

A small co-operative for the unemployed was set up with a lot of hope and faith but without work or workers nearly three years ago. Today its difficulty is fitting in all the work being offered.

The area in which it operates could hardly be called deprived. It lies on the Hertfordshire-Buckinghamshire border, between Watford with its low unemployment, and Amersham with its big houses and air of wealth. But amid the prosperity there was a need, noticed by an organization calling itself the Chorleywood Christian Businessmen's Initiative, a grouping of professional people attached to the local churches.

One member of the organization, John Smith, who lives in Chorleywood, an affluent commuter village typical of the district, said: "The jobscentre offered plenty of opportunities for skilled people but little work for the others, the young unemployed without special skills."

This professional group, which had already run Youth Opportunities and Youth Training Schemes, responded by forming the Chess Valley Services Neighbourhood Co-operative, a properly constituted business conforming to ministry regulations and managed by a voluntary unpaid committee.

That was in November 1983, and for 18 months the co-operative was in limbo during negotiations to attract union recognition and government money.

Eventually it was recognized by the

Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians, and as a new community enterprise it qualified for a year's funding from the Manpower Services Commission to help it off the ground. At the same time it got a year's grant from the local district council.

The commission's funding was enough to finance a year's salary for the co-operative's supervisor, a retired civil servant. The work force initially comprised two young men. Their services included window-cleaning, gardening, drive-laying, fence-mending, loft insulation and wall-stripping.

Progress was only gradual and the co-operative had a struggle to survive the 1985-86 winter. One lifesaver was a farmer at Chalfont St Giles, who offered several days' work a week sorting and bagging potatoes.

The end of funding from the Manpower Services Commission in May this year meant the end of the salary for the paid supervisor. But the job orders had started to pour in. Mr Smith, the management committee chairman, said at the time that a new paid supervisor in the dual role of assessing the work and helping with it was needed, and that without him the venture could collapse — even though the original supervisor was staying on as an unsalaried consultant.

Then the new supervisor came along, a 60-year-old retired water authority executive, and the co-operative picked up again. One of the original employees left to take a carpentry apprenticeship but was promptly replaced, and yet another young employee was recruited, effectively bringing the work force up to four, to cope with the sudden flow of extra work.

Mr Smith said: "The main problem recently has been getting the work organized to cover all the orders. We have a lot of jobs now. The thing has snowballed. People who have been satisfied with our services have recommended us."

"However, the coming winter is going to be another testing time as the orders for outdoor jobs tend to be fewer. Our finances are such that we could keep the work force going for a couple of weeks without work. But we are more hopeful than we were this time last year."

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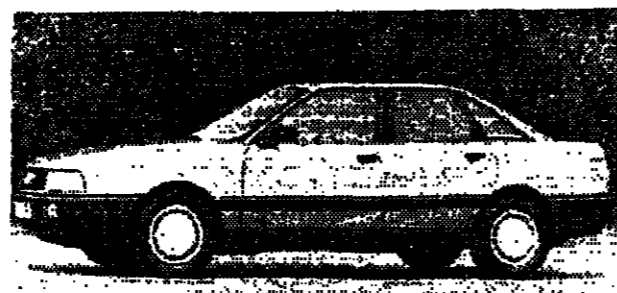
UP UP & AWAY

Motoring by Clifford Webb

Audi keeps up challenge at the top

The imaginative "Progress through Technology" campaign mounted by Audi this year is only the latest step in one of the most successful image changes ever undertaken by a car manufacturer.

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On the autobahn, however, all versions thrive on high speed cruising. Judged on instrument readings only I was able to exceed all the claimed maximums from 106mph for the 1.6 to over 120mph for the 1.8i.

Citroen's surprise

I am surprised that Citroen enthusiasts have not staged protest marches to the French Embassy about the terrible things that have been happening to my favourite car.

For countless years Citroen has defended its traditional binnacle approach as ergonomically superior to the rest.

But it seems compressing so the family car since it was acquired by the Japanese Sumitomo group in July 1984.

IN BRIEF

Subaru, the people who make four wheel drive cars available for everyday motoring, are extending their range downmarket with the little Justy.

It is being produced simultaneously at Duple's Birmingham and Washington, Tyne and Wear plants.

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many functions into such small areas has actually sold. Sadly, the new layout will be seen by many as yet another blow at Citroen individuality.

The new BX GTI fitted with the Peugeot group's all alloy 1.9 fuel injected engine represents a considerable challenge to existing models in the medium performance car sector.

Vital statistics Model: Citroen BX GTI Prices: £9,184 Engine: 1905cc 4 cylinder alloy injected Performance: 0-62mph 8.9 seconds, max speed 123mph Official Consumption: Urban 27.2mpg, 56mpg 46.3mpg and 75mpg 34.4mpg Length: 13.9 ft Insurance: Group 5

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RACING

Basically Better to take full advantage of lenient handicap mark

By Mandarín

Basically Better, who has improved out of all recognition since being fitted with a visor, has an outstanding chance at the weights in the £15,000 Taylor Woodrow Charity Handicap at Ascot today.

Today's course specialists

ASCOT
TRAINER: H Good 23 winners from 124 runners, 26.6% G Harwood 36 from 161, 22.4% M Stoute 34 from 175, 19.4%...

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TRAINER: J Jones 28 winners from 111 runners, 25.2% M Stoute 11 from 50, 22.0%...

well in several competitive handicaps and was certainly not winning out of them.

winning debut at Doncaster earlier this month and can underline his classic potential by beating Sharp Victor and Arras in the EBF Mornington Stakes.

So impressive was Michael Stoute's Northern Dancer colt that day, that he created more of a stir in the ante-post market for the 2,000 Guineas than Don't Forget Me, the winner of the Laureat Perrier Champagne Stakes, on the same card.

Stoute saddles two well-bred newcomers, Miss Storm Bird and Shamana, in the EBF Kensington Palace Stakes but I prefer to rely on the twice-raced Chamdenney, who had four previous winners behind her when a close fifth to Laluche in the group three May Hill Stakes at Doncaster.



Invited Guest (right) masters Mountain Memory in the Hoover Mile at Ascot yesterday (Photograph: High Routledge)

Invited Guest shows perfect timing

Invited Guest is the new 8-1 favourite for the 1,000 Guineas with Ladbrokes after extending her unbeaten run to four in the Hoover Mile at Ascot yesterday.

Li's target of six gold medals foiled

Seoul (Reuter) — China's ambitious youngest Li Niao fell from grace in a dramatic ending to the Asian Games competition here yesterday. Only 24 hours after talking about collecting six gold medals, Li was outclassed in three of his five events by Yun Yueshan, a compatriot, and by the South Korean, Kwoun Soon Seong.

Raymond to return after betting fine

Bruce Raymond, the former English based jockey, has been fined almost £7,000 and disqualified from riding for three months after being found guilty of betting in Hong Kong.

Trainer moves on

Cologne, (Reuter) — The struggling West German first division club, Cologne, has parted company with their trainer, Georg Kessler, after only seven months. The club, 16th in the 18-team league with just three points from seven games, said after a crisis meeting earlier this week that the decision had been taken by mutual agreement.

ASCOT BBC 2

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Golf: good to firm. Draw: no significant advantage
2.30 TERRY RAMSDEN HANDICAP STAKES (3-Y-O: £8,012: 1m 20)

Ascot selections

By Mandarín
2.30 Black Sophie, 3.5 Restore, 3.40 BASICALLY BETTER (nap), 4.15 On Tentenlocks, 4.50 Ajidal, 5.20 Chaudenney.

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Going: firm
Draw: no significant advantage
2.15 NEWBY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,371: 7f) (11 runners)

4.15 GLAISDALE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,822: 2m 15yd) (8)

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FORM

The consistent GEORGE'S DELIGHT (6-8) was a 5/1 runner-up to Estar at Doncaster (1m 20), Oct 25, 1985. In the 1986 season, he has won at Ascot (1m 20) on Sept 28, 1986, and at Doncaster (1m 20) on Oct 1, 1986.

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2.0 (1m) 1. FAIR COUNTRY (G Carter, 3-1), 2. Ready WR (A McClean, 10-1), 3. Clery On The Beach (G Carter, 7-1).

Worcester

Going: firm
2.30 LIFTON GNODSBURY HANDICAP CHASE (£1,847: 2m) (10 runners)

Ascot

Going: good to firm
2.0 (1m) 1. FAIR COUNTRY (G Carter, 3-1), 2. Ready WR (A McClean, 10-1), 3. Clery On The Beach (G Carter, 7-1).

Results from yesterday's four meetings

1.0 (1m) 1. CAPTAIN'S MEECE (Dale Gibson, 7-2), 2. Camilleaux (Dale Gibson, 7-2), 3. Beasant (M A Gilson, 12-1).

Beverley

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Gower at the... Somerset spurn post... HOCKEY Bedfordshire say farewell to stalwarts

FOOTBALL

Italian decision to lift import ban sparks fears of a mass exodus

By Peter Ball

The Italian Football Association's decision to lift the ban on the import of new overseas players, which paves the way for Ian Rush to join Juventus next season, was greeted with trepidation in English football yesterday. Although the restriction on Italian clubs employing more than two foreign players makes a wholesale exodus unlikely immediately, the loss of only two or three top names following last summer's departure of Lineker and Hughes would be a further blow to the English game's dwindling appeal.

Defender escapes with a fine

Southampton defender, Mark Dennis, who has the worst disciplinary records in football, escaped suspension when he was found guilty yesterday of ungentlemanly and improper behaviour by the Football Association. Dennis was fined £250, severely censured, warned as to his future conduct and ordered to pay £200 costs.

Bailey faces a long fight for fitness

Gary Bailey, the Manchester United and England goalkeeper, who has been sidelined for seven months with a knee injury, saw a specialist on Wednesday and got the go-ahead to start weight training. But it will be months, rather than weeks, before he will be ready for competitive football. Bailey said: "The specialist said the knee had stabilised and told me to start weight training. Initially, I had problems with my cartilage and I had some reaction when I was with the England squad in Mexico. 'Something went wrong and I had to stop weight training. It is looking more like three months than weeks before I will be match-fit. But this time I do not intend to rush things. I want to be fully fit before I attempt a comeback.'"

Peace returns to Altrincham

While the unexpected success of Barnet and Scarborough has caught the eye this season in the race for the GM Vauxhall Conference championship and automatic promotion to the fourth division, a familiar name is moving into position just behind the leaders.

Altrincham, champions in 1980 and 1981 and strong contenders for the title, have lost only one of their first 11 matches and lie in third position, just one point off the top. That is no less than would be expected of a club of the calibre of Altrincham, but in the light of recent upheavals at Moss Lane the achievement is a credit to John Williams, the new manager.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Table with columns for Football, Rugby Union, and other sports results.



Donald Curry (above left) with 20 knockouts in 25 amateur contests, is one of boxing's most destructive punchers, but he holds no fears for Lloyd Honeyghan, who challenges the American for his undisputed world welterweight title in Atlantic City tomorrow. The Briton, unbeaten in 27 bouts,

became the top contender when he stopped Horace Shufford, of the United States. Confident of his chances against the toughest opponent he will ever have met, Honeyghan said: "I don't feel any extra pressure going up against Curry. He is just another man and I'm walking out of here with his title." There is little doubt Honeyghan will have to excel if he is not to become the eighth unsuccessful challenger for the American title. Yet Mickey Duff, Honeyghan's manager, believes there are weaknesses his man will be able to exploit - Curry's relative inactivity and problems in making the weight limit.

RUGBY UNION: WEBBE HAS THE QUALITY TO RECAPTURE PAST GLORIES

Bridgend should pin hopes on a wing, not a prayer

Bridgend may well offer up a prayer for two for the return of the success they enjoyed so regularly a few years ago - they were Welsh Cup finalists for four consecutive years between 1979 and 1982 - but if they incline their attitude to the wing, they may find a more practical and exciting means of achieving it. It is only a shift of emphasis that is required. On Wednesday night, in a match during which Llanelli played very much against their nature and tried to contain the opposition forward while Bridgend were only beginning to find their feet with a new combination of players, the game was stuttering forebodingly to a close. The home team had kicked three penalties, the visitors one. Yet, before the end, Ilen Webbe, the Bridgend wing, had performed a feat of his own, by getting two tries himself and making another to send the spectators home with a warm glow.

Canadian captain doubtful

There is a distinct possibility that the Canadian XV that meet an Ireland Under-25 side at Lansdowne Road tomorrow will be without their captain Hans de Goede. The talented, and very experienced, second-row forward was limping badly yesterday as the team left Belfast for the journey to Dublin and was not over-optimistic about playing. "It is not serious, just a bad sprain, but it could rule me out for Saturday though I am confident that I will have fully recovered for next Wednesday's game against Leinster" de Goede said. Should de Goede be missing from the team to be named today, the captaincy will go to Glen Ellis, the No. 8. Definitely out for the rest of the four-match tour is David Tucker, scrum half. An X-ray after the Ulster game on Wednesday night revealed a torn ankle ligament, an injury which necessitated his replacement mid-way through the second half. Meanwhile, Philip Matthews, due to lead the Irish team, faces a fitness test this morning on a knee injury picked up in that same match at Ravenhill. The 32-13 scoreline in Ulster's favour was, in no way an accurate barometer with which to assess the difference between the two sides. Individually, the Canadians matched Ulster in practically all departments, the exception being on the wings where Crossan and Ringland emphasised again their class. The Canadian scrum were solid and the fact that they forced Ulster to collapse as scrum line in the game and conceded a penalty try speaks volumes.

Wrexham have a boot on the other foot

Some rugby clubs like Blackheath or Liverpool are born great, some like Wrexham achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them. Wrexham might prove to be such a club. Geography is their greatest ally. One problem is that Wrexham is a Welsh club in north Wales, they could, theoretically, draw on Shropshire, most of Cheshire as well as north and mid-Wales. There is no senior club nearer than Oswestry, Liverpool or mid-Lancashire and there seems to be no doubt that Wrexham could and should regard to senior status as Orrell did in the 60s. One problem is that Wrexham is a Welsh club and the captain of Welsh rugby bubbles away merrily in the south. Could they attach themselves to the Welsh rugby tradition in the north west of England? The answer seems to be theoretically "Yes." In practice, "No." The Welsh Rugby Union would object to their participation but would veto affiliations to an English league. The leagues of course would demand affiliation. Wrexham's aim is to advance as impeccably. Founded in the 1925-26 season, the club has improved steadily from the 60s until their summit of achievement last season, in which their record read: played 33; won 30; lost 3. Points for 1,063; Points against 261. Two of the three games lost are of special interest. One was to Newport (29-0) in the third round of the Welsh Cup, and the final defeat was wholly honourable when they lost to Llanelli (26-10) in the final game of the season. This was a "one-off" fixture. It was the first time that the club had progressed to the third round of the Welsh Cup. The defeat by Llanelli was the first home game that Wrexham had lost since September 1984. With regard to Wrexham's style of play, they are a good deal nearer in method to Pontypool than to Leicester. A solid forward platform is usually achieved and the backs only tend to come into their own in the game's last quarter when fitness, a quality endlessly stressed by the club coaches, has blossomed in opposition's defence. A switch around of coaches with Austin Thomas taking over as north Wales coach, when Tony Gray became the new national coach last year, has given Mike Mahoney, a native of Maesteg, his opportunity to follow Austin as Wrexham's coach. By all accounts he is a demanding mentor.

Freeman's tries steer Reigate to victory

Schools Rugby by Michael Stevenson. Reigate Grammar School's game at home to Whitgift produced an excellent contest, narrowly won 16-13 by the home side. They led 10-0 at the interval and survived a storming finish by Whitgift, but a goal from a try and two penalties in a try and three penalties. The Whitgift pack was dominant in the early stages but a superb performance from the Reigate pack, under the leadership of captain Adam Freeman, who scored both his side's tries, accounted for the solid half-time lead. Mark Holman kicked one conversion. Reigate's second half two teams kicked a pair of penalties, by Holman for Reigate and Nick Auer for Whitgift. Auer added a third penalty and towards the end the command of the game was clearly in Reigate's hands with a pushover try, touched down by their scrum-half Matt Corbett. Reigate, who had a respectable side last season but have since lost several key players, met Reigate on Wednesday and could not cope with the visitors' superior physical strength and were defeated. Reigate controlled the early exchanges but it was Rutin who scored through a powerful breakthrough by their speedy wing, Shola Adarapon. The game's outstanding player, John Ed-

Michael Stevenson

FOR THE RECORD table containing sports news and results.

ICE SKATING

Manley in another league to Conway

Elizabeth Manley of Canada, produced a bravura free skating performance to win the St. Ivel International women's title by a length of the nearby Thames at Richmond on Wednesday night. The seven judges unanimously placed her first, with six glowing marks of 5.9 and eight of 5.8. Joanne Conway, the young British champion, still only 15, had another untappy evening and declined two further places to fifth having been overtaken by the competitors from East Germany and the Soviet Union. Jill Trenary, of the United States, was runner-up. Manley, drawn last, lifted the evening's skating on to a higher plane altogether with a performance as near faultless as you can get on such a treacherous surface as ice. She executed four different triple jumps, the somewhat workaday toe loop and salchow being supplemented by the more demanding lutz and loop. She was fifth in the world championship last season. Promotion is imminent. Miss Conway began well enough with an assured triple salchow, the jump that had eluded her, crucially, in Tuesday's short programme. But both triple toe loops betrayed her and she fell, too, on a double axel. There was some consolation for Brit in the display of Sheryl Jones and Paul Ashkan in the original set pattern dance. They harassed the Viennese Waltz beat to a sequence full of flow and character, and they were beaten only marginally into second place by the favourites, Kathrin and Christoff Beck. The judges split 5-4 in favour of the Austrian couple, who were seventh in the world last season, six places ahead of Ashkan and Jones. RESULTS: Women: final 1, E Manley (Can), 10pt 2, J Trenary (US), 2.5 3, M Conway (GB), 5.0 4, J Jones (GB), 5.0 5, P Ashkan and P Jones (US), 4.5 6, S Strunovska, 4.5 7, S Gaus, 4.0 8, S Strunovska, 4.0 9, Conway, 4.0 10, S Strunovska, 4.0. Pairs: free skating 1, G Hough and D Laidy (Can), 10pt 2, M Phillips and A Wheeler (US), 3.0 3, G Wachenan and T Waggoner (US), 4.0 4, S Conway and C Shostakov (USSR), 6.0. Pairs: compulsory 1, Hough and Laidy, 1.0 2, Phillips and Wheeler, 3.0 3, Conway and Waggoner, 2.0 4, S Strunovska and S Gaus, 2.0 5, S Strunovska, 2.0 6, Conway and Waggoner, 2.0. Men: 1, D Tucker, 2.0 2, C Gushy and D Laidy (Can), 1.0pt 3, M Phillips and A Wheeler (US), 3.0 4, G Wachenan and T Waggoner (US), 4.0 5, S Conway and C Shostakov (USSR), 6.0. Pairs: compulsory 1, Hough and Laidy, 1.0 2, Phillips and Wheeler, 3.0 3, Conway and Waggoner, 2.0 4, S Strunovska and S Gaus, 2.0 5, S Strunovska, 2.0 6, Conway and Waggoner, 2.0.

Adjusting to life in Montana

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FISHING

The water is exceptionally clean and pure, in beautiful country of mountains and forests, on grassy meadows some 5,000 feet above sea level. Grass deer, elk and bison, the latter known also as buffalo. Fishermen are advised to avoid buffaloes and, in the Yellowstone National Park, there are some two to three hundred bears. One must know about how to behave if one meets a bear. In a charming river with the attractive name of Henry's Fork, which was wider and much shallower than the Thames at Reading, we fish in competition with several anglers. We were dealing with insects which are mainly new to us. Their blue-winged olive would not be recognisable as one even to the most experienced fly fisher as a mallophaga damselfly which was most unfamiliar. Our own artificial trout flies, which we used on the chalk streams in England, were not of much help. I tried some but it was only after we put on an imitation grasshopper known as Joe's Hopper, well praised to float, that the trout became interested. However, most of the fish were flies so small that they were practically invisible and had to be fished on 6X lenses, known to the Americans as tippets. There was an honourable exception - an English pattern which became very popular in America. More about that next week.

ENTERTAINMENTS

ENTERTAINMENTS table listing cinema, theatre, and other entertainment listings.

SPORT



Every picture tells a story: Sumarno, of Indonesia, suffers as a putt refuses to drop in his match with Sam Torrance, but soon comes to terms with the idea (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Irish hit form as Spain take a tumble

By Mitchell Platts

Ronan Rafferty (67) out-scored Severiano Ballesteros (74) by seven shots to lead Ireland to a glorious victory in the \$1 million Dunhill Cup first round at St Andrews yesterday, while England suffered another sporting defeat against Argentina.

Luton can earn draw or replay

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Luton Town and the Football League's management committee meet today for the first time, on the instructions of Dick Tracey, the Minister for Sport.

When other clubs have done the same their supporters will be made welcome here, but not until then. "Public opinion seems to be with us. They think that perhaps this is the way to get rid of hooliganism, and if we lose this battle how are we ever going to win it? If we are right then football will have won. If we are wrong nobody will have lost anything."

about our position in the FA Cup in October and, on May 22, the management committee agreed at their meeting to exempt us from the two relevant rules.

They won't get it from us. Perhaps they will get it from the management committee. Evans, who is clearly committed to his club's experimental move, was "shocked about our expulsion. It is ridiculous not to give it a run and the Cup is an important part of it. The players form the atmosphere anyway, not the crowd. If 300 people are exchanging obscene chants from either end, is that atmosphere?"

RACING Sangster puts on a defiant face

By Michael Seely

Robert Sangster faced the break-up of his multi-million-pound racing partnership with Stavros Niarchos with a bold re-statement yesterday of his ambitions.

Card of course

Table with columns: Hole, Yds, Par, Hole, Yds, Par. Includes scores for Old Course, St Andrews and Total yardage: 6,993 Pts: 72.

Inspirational figure needed

The late Sir Norman Chester was convinced that one inspirational figure should be selected to take the place of the Football League management committee (Stuart Jones writes).

Hill, aged 58, has been employed by both the national television networks, initially as head of sport at London Weekend and now as a presenter at the BBC. A member of the board at Charlton Athletic, his experience covers more than three decades and his vision embraces almost every aspect of the game.

Gordon Taylor is another possibility. After scuttling down the flanks for Bolton Wanderers, Birmingham City, Blackburn Rovers and Bury for 15 years, he became the secretary of the PFA. He has since gained wide respect and a reputation for using sense to bridge the gap between players and officials.

As an administrator, the outstanding individual is Peter Robinson. After learning his trade as a secretary in the lower divisions with Crewe Alexandra, Swathmore United and Brighton, he joined Liverpool more than two decades ago. Significantly, his arrival coincided with their rise to prominence.

First-round results

- Wales vs New Zealand 3-0
Argentina vs England 2-1
Japan vs South Korea 3-0
Canada vs Sweden 2-1
US vs Zambia 3-0
Scotland vs Indonesia 3-0

RUGBY UNION

Scotland banking on future success
The last two weeks have proved to be good ones for the Scottish Rugby Football Union.

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Abbey tribute to Sir Stanley

The football world turned out in force in Westminster Abbey yesterday to pay tribute to Sir Stanley Rous, father figure of the modern game.

From 1961-74 he was president of FIFA, the sport's governing authority worldwide.

In the main address, the Right Reverend John Wain, Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, said: "Sir Stanley was a man of great dedication, not only in sport in general and football in particular, but in the promotion of goodwill and fair play."

Cycling's big wheel

Doug Dailey has been appointed as Britain's national cycling coach and will start the new full-time post at the end of November.

Drug tests

Washington (AP) - The National Collegiate Athletic Association has announced details of a sweeping new drug testing programme, beginning with this season's college football bowl games and the 64-team college basketball tournament.

Angry winner

San Francisco (Reuter) - John McEnroe was involved in yet another row with tennis officials before reaching the second round of the San Francisco grand prix event.

Beefed up

British junior tennis will be beefed up this winter by a £10,000 sponsorship. Dewhurst, the butchers, are putting up the money for six indoor tournaments for top boys and girls aged 18 and under.

Rebel tour

Belgrade (AP) - A leading Yugoslavian basketball team faces "sharp punishment" for playing in Israel, a country with which the communist country has no diplomatic relations.

Out of court

Bonn (Reuter) - Steffi Graf and Claudia Kohde-Kilsch, of West Germany, have not entered next month's women's tennis tournament in Filderstadt, an event they last year threatened to boycott in future.

Clubs' needs ignored

The Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher, and the Labour leader, Neil Kinnock, were told by letter today of the need to "get young people off street corners and into sport."

Surprise move

With the help of his wife, Mrs. Jane Lockie of Twickenham, Middlesex, and Mrs. Shirley Shore of Camberley, Surrey, details page 3.

Beirut escape

Without a job, it is imperative, for the welfare of British society, that positive means through sport can be found for young people to channel their youthful energy and enthusiasm.

Home Owners Profit-Maker Loan Plan details and contact information.

Advertisement for 'Khan al-Ahmad' featuring a portrait and text.

Advertisement for 'Beirut escape' with contact details.

Large vertical advertisement on the right side of the page, including 'Defiant vows nuclear', 'Portfolie-Geld', 'TSB statement delayed', 'Surprise move by Karпов', and 'Beirut escape'.